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No new leads on Ashby burglaries; police to step up patrols over Thanksgiving break

by Keri Schwab
contributing writer

Police have no new leads or information about the four burglaries at Ashby Crossing that occurred over fall break, and some students are worried about the safety of their apartments over Thanksgiving Break.

"There have not been any arrests, but the investigation is still going on," said Harrisonburg Police Department Sgt. Jerry Roy. "We try to keep patrol as much as possible. We know Thanksgiving is coming up. We are going to increase patrol as much as possible."

Senior Nicole Steffey's apartment was one of the apartments burglarized over fall break. She said she hopes

HPD will "step up some" and that JMU will help protect the apartment complexes during Thanksgiving break. According to the Oct. 16 issue of *The Breeze*, HPD Chief Don Harper said, "We have extra patrols where there is student housing, and we ask JMU police to help patrol those neighborhoods [during breaks]."

There was no evidence of forced entry in any of the apartments and all entries were made with a master key, HPD Watch Commander Lt. B.D. Gregory said in the Oct. 16 *Breeze*. Steffey said Ashby Crossing changed her locks three days after the burglary. Ashby Crossing management can't access the new locks because the locks don't fit the master key.

Steffey is not concerned with a break-in right now, but

said, "When we are on a master key, we will have the concerns for a break-in again."

A clause in the Ashby Crossing lease requires locks to be accessible to management for safety reasons. Steffey said she read in an Ashby Crossing newsletter that the apartment complex will change all of its locks over Thanksgiving break, and there will be a new master key for these locks.

Ashby Crossing Manager Jeannie Good said company policy does not allow her to comment on the break-ins, or what Ashby Crossing management is doing to make students safer.

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ALLYSON HOFER/staff photographer

Bronze Age revisited

(l-r) Seniors Drew Holloway and Jim Sidletsley pour bronze into ceramic molds at Harrison Annex Courtyard Monday morning. The students were creating abstract sculptures for Sean Mercer's sculpture class.

Pilgrims progress

Two professors improve faculty-student relations by opening their home to 140 people for a pre-Thanksgiving gathering

by Kathryn Lenker
contributing writer

Punch, homemade Christmas cookies, three excited children and two professors are awaiting the arrival of about 140 speech communication students and faculty for a pre-Thanksgiving open house Sunday.

Married SCOM professors Sherry Williams and Ray Moser are welcoming their students and peers in an effort to encourage student-faculty relations.

"We get isolated from our students... it helps us to see students as people," Williams said. "To invite someone into your home is the ultimate way to get them to be themselves."

Senior SCOM major Nicole Breschi said, "This is the first time I've ever been invited to a professor's house. I'm a senior and I don't feel like I've ever gotten to know a professor outside of the classroom. I'm so excited about going that [my friends and I] already set up a car-pool."

Williams and Moser hosted a Christmas open house last year and hope to turn this Thanksgiving's open house into an annual tradition.

Last year around 70 students visited the couple's duplex on Rex Road and 140 students are expected this year, Williams said. "The real reason I do [the open house] is to bake Christmas cookies and use my

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Leave it to the teachers to deflate grades, faculty say

by Brad Jenkins
senior writer

This story is part three of a three-part series.

Faculty and administrators admit grade inflation occurs at JMU and they express a desire to curb inflation, but concrete solutions to the problem are hard to come by.

According to Faculty Senate

Speaker Arch Harris, one solution involves more communication with faculty about the issue. "Encourage them to deflate their grades," he said. Grade distribution and median GPA statistics should be distributed periodically to keep instructors informed of grading trends.

Carter Lyons, chair of the Faculty Senate's Academic

Concerns Committee, said communication is important as long as it stresses the professor's need to make individual changes. "I don't think it's right for someone to come out and say, 'you must grade higher' or 'you must grade lower,'" he said. "As a community, we have to decide what we want the grading culture to be, but a dictum is not the way to do it."

"Encourage [faculty] to deflate grades."

Arch Harris
Faculty Senate speaker

The Faculty Senate "just wants everyone to look at the problem themselves to change the culture. It can strengthen the university," Lyons said.

The Faculty Senate will probably deal with grade inflation by occasionally discussing the issue with faculty, Lyons said. A report should be distributed

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"To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."

— James Madison

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CLASSIFIEDS

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Burglaries

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SAFETY TIPS



- Make sure all doors and windows are locked.
- If you have a sliding glass door, use a bar to block door from opening.
- Take any valuables with you, such as jewels and cash.
- Make identification marks on valuable property.
- Write down serial number, brand name and make of valuable items. This helps police track stolen items.

GILLIAN COE/contributing artist

Steffey said she is impressed with Ashby's promises to increase safety, including putting in new lights in the back of the complex area. Ashby also held a safety seminar in the clubhouse last Wednesday to tell students what they can do to keep their apartments safe over the holiday, Steffey said.

Sophomore Preston Miller's apartment was also burglarized. Ashby Crossing changed his lock, but the lock still fits the master key for all of Ashby, making him feel somewhat unsafe, he said. "No other actions were taken by management and I am going to take some of my [valuable] stuff home," he said.

Roy gave some tips to help keep apartments and valuables safe:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked and that students use a bar on sliding glass doors.
 - When students are away for any length of time, they should take valuables, jewels or cash with them.
- Students need to have identification marks on on valuable property and know the serial number, brand name and make of valuable items. Knowing the serial number can help police track stolen items.

Pilgrims

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mom's old cookie recipes," she said, smiling.

Besides Moser and Williams' students, faculty members from Williams' GenEd cluster and Moser's contacts in the Community-Service Learning center are invited.

This caring approach is an outgrowth of Williams' teaching philosophy.

"I recently developed a teaching philosophy based on John Lennon's famous quote, 'Life is what happens when you're making other plans,'" Williams said. "My philosophy is 'Life is what happens to our students when we're busy making lesson plans.'"

Williams thinks some of her female students look up to her as a role model. When asked by her students how she balances a full-time job with her responsibilities as a mother, she tells them, "It's possible if you have a highly supportive, loving husband."

Junior Alicia Payne said, "She's one of the best professors I've ever had. She manages her time wonderfully. A lot of people in the SCOM department look up to her."

"My philosophy is 'Life is what happens to our students when we're busy making lesson plans.'"

Sherry Williams
SCOM professor

For his part, Moser stayed home with the couple's three year-old and 22 month-old children for two years and only resumed teaching part-time last fall.

"I'll remember my memories with my kids more than any business deals," Moser commented.

Moser said he strongly believes the learning process has to go both ways for it to be successful.

"We learn a lot from the students," Moser said. "When you stop learning, you start dying inside."

Moser said he learns about music from his students. He begins each class period by playing a CD brought in by a student for five minutes of class and then discussing viewpoints on the music.

Besides filling an emotional need for students, Moser and Williams said the Thanksgiving open house helps students further develop respect for faculty members.

Deflate

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periodically that compares grade distributions among departments. The next step would be to bring it up in department meetings, he said.

In 1996-'97, grade distribution did vary among the colleges of JMU. According to a JMU Statistical Survey, more "C"s were given in science and mathematics 100- and 200-level courses than any other grade. Meanwhile, more students received "A"s than any other grade in both lower- and upper-level courses in the College of Education and Psychology. About 54.6 percent of all students received "A"s in upper level classes and 63.7 received "A"s in lower level classes. These discrepancies in grading

can be tamed with more communication and education, Lyons said.

This education should include an emphasis that a "C" is average and something to be proud of. "I'm proud of students who make a 'C' in my course," Lyons said. "They're competent."

Doug Brown, acting vice president for academic affairs, said instructors, must take the first step in reversing the inflation trend. "I lay it on the instructor," Brown said. "Lay out what is required and give that grade."

David Jeffrey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said instructors' standards need to be raised. "You need to go into a class recognizing that giving a test, you have

high standards," he said. "Why use just half the grading scale?"

Lyons said the instructor evaluation procedures could also be modified to reduce grade inflation. "It was a bad thing to introduce evaluations as a way to increase salary," he said. "That's an inappropriate use of evaluations."

Associate Professor of English Cynthia Gilliatt also said there needs to be more integrity in course evaluations. "I wish there were some way of keeping student evaluations, but I wish we could separate them somehow from money issues."

Harris said grade inflation is a "high priority" for the Faculty Senate and for JMU. "It's a persistent problem," he said. "It won't just go away."

ABOUT THE SERIES

PART 1 – JMU faculty, administrators notice grade point averages increase dramatically.

PART 2 – College board report reveals grade inflation starts at high school level, carries over to college level.

PART 3 – JMU faculty education and instructor responsibility cited as solutions to grade inflation.

JMU admissions alters application deadlines

by Alison Manser
contributing writer

To deal with freshman applications for the class of 2002, JMU's Office of Admissions has made the early action application deadline earlier and is hiring three part-time employees to review applications.

Laika Tamny, associate director of admissions, said, "The two application deadlines [did] not allow us enough time [to review all the applications]."

The office of Admissions changed the early action application deadline for next year's freshman class from Dec. 1 to Nov. 15, to allow more time to process early action applications. The deadline for

regular admissions remains Jan. 15.

But with these pressing deadlines and a staff smaller than usual, the admissions department didn't allow themselves enough time to review incoming applications and assistance is needed, she said.

JMU will notify early action applicants of their status anywhere from the middle to the end of January and sometime in April for regular decision.

Tamny said the Office of Admissions doesn't yet know if there will be an increase in applications for the class of 2002.

"The number of applicants has been on the rise for the last two years," Tamny said. "However, we cannot assume that this will continue. We will know after the

final application deadline."

Full-time admissions employees have other responsibilities besides reviewing applications, but any part-time employees that are hired will only review applications.

According to Tamny, there are nine full-time admissions employees and one graduate student whose tasks include reviewing applications. The three part-time reviewers will have the same powers as full-time admissions employees, but their sole purpose is to review applications under admission guidelines.

It's not unusual for other Virginia colleges and universities to hire part-time staff to review applications.

George Mason University Director of

Media Relations Daniel Walsch said, "It is not unheard of to hire part-time application reviewers. If the need is there and if we find it necessary, we will do the same."

Linda Miller, associate dean of admissions at the University of Virginia, said, "We do hire part-time people at the height of the application review season every year. Some of them have been working here for years and are highly experienced, and some are relatively new but qualified."

While JMU is unsure if it will receive an increase in the number of applications, GMU is expecting a 2 to 3 percent increase. UVA is expecting to receive about the same amount in comparison to previous years.

University payments to bus system double

Additional routes, buses decrease parking woes but take larger bite out of student fees

by Matt Phillips
contributing writer

Although some students don't question the free bus system at JMU, these rides are anything but free — the fee Harrisonburg charges JMU for bus services has doubled since last year.

JMU paid Harrisonburg Public Transportation Department \$636,000 this year for students to ride the city's buses

"JMU should be held responsible for the cost to operate [the buses]."

Reggie Smith

director of public transportation

without paying each time they ride. Last year the university paid \$343,000, said Glenda Ridgely, JMU's budget director.

Reggie Smith, Harrisonburg's director of public transportation, said the total cost to operate the bus system is \$1.4 million per year.

"JMU covers about one-third of the total operating cost of the city's bus system," he said.

Mel Maher, director of the center for off-campus living, attributes the bus price increase



Students disembark from a Harrisonburg Transit bus stopped at Varner House. JMU students compose 95 percent of the city's total bus riders. An average of 9,000 people per day use the bus system.

MELISSA PALLADINO/senior photographer

to the additions of a fourth night-service route and three day routes primarily between the Port Republic Road apartment complexes and the campus. New routing needed for the CISAT building also caused the price increase.

The addition of these routes requires more buses and drivers. Smith said, "JMU should be held

responsible for the cost to operate [the buses]."

JMU students compose 95 percent of the city's total bus riders. On average, 9,000 people use the bus system daily. Approximately 8,650 of these daily riders are students who ride from student housing to campus. Last year about 6,500 students rode the bus daily, Smith said. He

agreed with Maher that the price hike is a direct result of the new routes but added more students ride the bus because lack of "parking on campus forces students to take the bus."

Compensations from federal, local and state governments cover the balance to operate the city's bus system. Each gives the public transportation department

about \$300,000 per year. Smith said every public bus system in the state receives money from these sources. Harrisonburg residents pay \$1 per ride to use the bus system.

Smith meets with JMU administrators to fix the price for the bus system and to decide how much to charge JMU based on the hourly cost to operate the buses. The Harrisonburg Public Transportation Department's cost per hour is roughly \$30 per bus. This constitutes maintenance, insurance, drivers, diesel fuel and parts, he said.

Ridgely said JMU finances free bus rides for students through the \$2,208 in comprehensive fee-based services per student included in tuition costs. Money to support the bus system is taken from every student's comprehensive fee regardless of whether they ride the bus.

According to state regulations, state funds given to the university can't support the city bus system, Ridgely said.

The state doesn't view funding transportation as absolutely necessary for higher education, she said. The city doesn't include in its fee rides to businesses where students spend money.

"JMU should not pay to take students to the mall," Smith said. The city receives financial benefits from the sales tax revenue it collects on student spending at area businesses.



by Neal Crovo
police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Possession of Marijuana

• McKenzie E. Harrington, 18, of Martinsville, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in Weaver Hall at 12:19 a.m. Nov. 16.

Indecent Exposure

• Rogers T. Cockrill, 19, of Little Rock, Ark., and John K. Burke III, 19, of Richmond, were arrested and charged with indecent exposure when they allegedly were seen indecently exposing themselves behind the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house at 2:10 a.m. Nov. 15.

Underage Consumption of Alcohol

• A student was judicially charged with underage consumption of alcohol in Dingledine Hall at 4:36 p.m. Nov. 14.
• Two students were judicially charged with underage consumption of alcohol behind the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house at 2:10 a.m. Nov. 15.

Grand Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a Nintendo 64 game system

with four games and two controllers left on the elevator in Hoffman Hall at 9:18 p.m. Nov. 15.

The estimated value of the system is \$200.

Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a Windows 95 disk and disks three and four for a Coreldraw program from an office in Keezell Hall Nov. 13.
• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a New Jersey driver's license and a JAC card from a wallet left in PC Dukes at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 17.
• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a JAC card from a sweatshirt in the Miller Hall lab at 7:01 p.m. Nov. 17.

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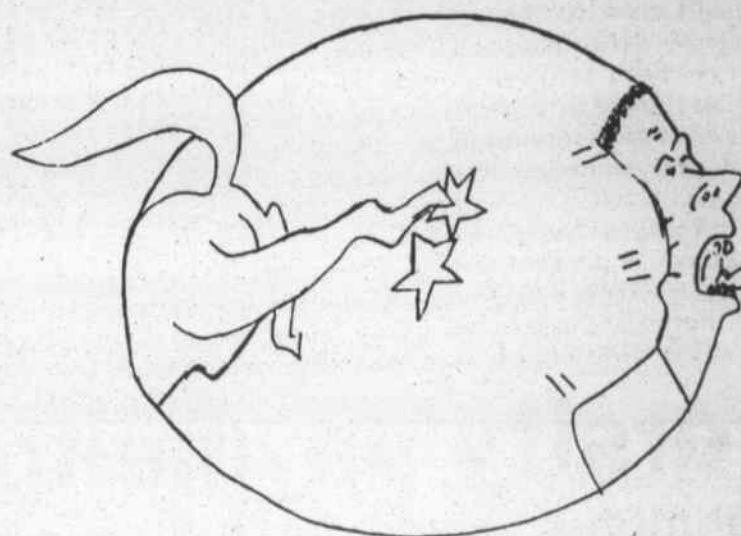
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Herb Baked Chicken Roast Pork Baked Sweet Potatoes Cornbread Stuffing Broccoli Spears Cinnamon Apples Sauerkraut <i>Fresh Vegetable Pasta</i>	Fried Chicken Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Carrots Spinach <i>Stuffed Peppers</i>	Beef & Vegetable Stir Fry Citrus Chicken Rice Peas Cauliflower Pasta Tomato Herb Sauce Meat Sauce Vegetarian Egg Rolls

DINNER

<http://www.jmu.edu/dining>



JMU Dining Services Thanksgiving Schedule

Friday, Nov. 21

Let's Go! Closes at 2 p.m. Reopens 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 1

Monday, Nov. 24

Gigabytes Closes at 1 p.m. Reopens 11 a.m. on Dec. 1
Megabytes Closes at 1 p.m. Reopens 11 a.m. on Dec. 1
Pizza Peddlers Closes at 1 a.m. Reopens 8 p.m. on Dec. 1
The Steakhouse Closes at 7:30 p.m. Reopens 5 p.m. on Dec. 1
PC Dukes Closes at 10 p.m. Reopens 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 30
Lakeside Express Closes at 11 p.m. Reopens 5 p.m. on Dec. 1

Tuesday, Nov. 25

TDU Closes at 1 p.m. Reopens 7:45 a.m. on Dec. 1
U- Club Closes at 1 p.m. Reopens 11 a.m. on Dec. 1
Market One Closes at 2 p.m. Reopens 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 1
Mrs. Greens Closes at 2 p.m. Reopens 11 a.m. on Dec. 1
Door 4 Subs Closes at 3 p.m. Reopens 11 a.m. on Dec. 1
Gibbons Hall Closes at 6:30 p.m. Reopens 5 p.m. on Nov. 30

All dining operations will be closed from
Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Saturday, Nov. 29.

Godwin Hall: the \$4 million building?

Aging structure faces possible facelift as a response to facilities moving to UREC

by Brad Jenkins
senior writer

Pending Virginia General Assembly approval this winter, Godwin Hall may undergo a \$4 million renovation that would add more classroom space and create space for athletics offices currently scattered throughout campus buildings.

The renovations would involve reconfiguring existing space in the building, said Steve Knickrehm, assistant vice president for resource planning. The proposed renovations are a result of the new University Recreation Center replacing Godwin as the main athletics facility and freeing up space for offices and classrooms.

"We're not moving athletics [facilities] out," Knickrehm said. "We are simply moving athletics to a more consolidated space in the building."

Donald Cosgrove, director of facilities planning and construction, said the reconfiguration of space would be accomplished by converting the existing racquetball courts into two levels of office space.

Donald Lemish, director of athletics, said consolidating athletic offices into one building will be beneficial. "It's probably as important as anything I can think of," he said. "Being in one complex is very important. We are very spread out now. To come together is sometimes difficult."

Knickrehm said much of Godwin Hall is "under-utilized" and could be converted into more classroom space. "There are spaces in [Godwin] that could be used for academics [with the removal of athletic program offices]," he said.

Cosgrove said it is still uncertain which academic program will utilize the classroom space, but it will be a program that is overcrowded or dispersed throughout the university. JMU submitted the plan to renovate Godwin



LINDSAY MANN/contributing photographer

Godwin Hall has served as JMU's athletic facility since 1972. But it's evolved through the years and now houses a number of classes. Plans to renovate Godwin would transform it from an athletic to an academic building.

as part of its proposed 1998-2000 budget. The same plan was submitted to the General Assembly for inclusion in the 1996-'98 budget, but it was rejected. If Gov. George Allen (R) and the General Assembly approve the plan, funds would be available July 1, 1998, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

According to Cosgrove, design could begin as soon as

funds become available and construction should begin summer 1999. The project would then take about one year to complete. During the construction phase, it is possible the building will be closed, but Cosgrove said it may be possible to renovate some of the building while the rest remains open. "We'll have to see what the scope entails," he said.

Student-elected college senators will soon replace non-elected commuter senators

SGA changing process in effort to fix 'undemocratic' representation system

by Marcia Apperson
SGA reporter

The Student Government Association Senate passed an Ad Hoc Committee bill Tuesday that will replace commuter senators with college senators next Fall. College Senators would represent the academic college in which they are majors.

Right now, the SGA Executive Board selects commuter senators itself through an application process instead of through student elections.

"[The system] is very undemocratic the way it is now," President April Roberts said.

Commuter Sen. Max Finazzo said, "My application for senate was a joke because I knew I was going to get it. This way it is going to be more democratic. It's reform, that's what it's about."

Right now not all off-campus areas have a senator. Under the new system, students living off-campus who did not have a representative in their area can take advantage of senators in their colleges, Roberts said.

The number of senators representing a college of the university

will be proportional to the number of students in that college in the spring semester prior to elections.

Commuter Sen. Kristen Brannen said in support of the bill, "Definitely the first year things are not going to be perfect by a long shot, but it will be much better in the long run. The people are going to be elected democratically instead of selected. This is the best thing for JMU and the best thing for the SGA."

Some senators raised concerns that not many candidates will apply for the positions, and students may not know much about the candidates in their colleges.

Vice President Andy Sorensen said, "It will be up to the candidates to educate the students on who to vote for."

Roberts acknowledged the possibility that some candidates may run unopposed at the beginning of this process.

Chandler Hall Sen. Sharon Cohen said the new process might not be representative of commuter issues. "I don't see how this represents the off-campus people," she said. "It is representing the college."

Sorensen said the new system would have no bearing on off-campus issues presented to Senate. Students living off-campus would introduce issues to senators in their colleges.

The bill only affects commuter senators and the election process. On-campus senators will continue to be elected by residence halls.

Students eligible to become college senators must be full-time undergraduate students living off-campus and with a declared major.

On-campus resident advisors who are eligible to run as at-large senators will also be allowed to run for a college senator position.

If a student has not declared a major by a semester previous to fall, he or she can run for one of the 10 to 15 slots that will be available as at-large senators.

Students can vote for candidates running only within their college.

If a student is a double major under two different colleges, they must choose one college to vote under.

SGA will hold elections the third Tuesday of fall semester

and will conduct college senator elections separately on scantron sheets instead of hand counting votes as in major elections.

Students who live off-campus can vote on the commons, at Wilson Hall, at the College of Integrated Science and Technology or in the Lakeside area.

h i g S G A t s

Also at the meeting:

- Student Services Committee Co-chair Tory Jenkins reported there is a possibility of two more national television stations being added to residence halls.
- Jenkins reported JMU has the highest electric bill in September, compared to other months. The electric bill for September was about \$200,000. This money comes from student fees.
- Buildings and Grounds Chair Will Pearson said the tree lighting event will be Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. on the quad.

Police Log

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Property Damage/Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly knocked over a vending machine, caused the electrical system to go out and cracked and dented the front of the machine in the basement vending area of Hoffman Hall at 12:23 a.m. Nov. 16.

Some merchandise reportedly was removed.

Property Damage

• Unidentified individuals allegedly put white paint on a student's painting and other paintings in the Ashby Art Studio at 11:23 p.m. Nov. 15.

Fire Alarm

• Unidentified individuals allegedly emptied a dry powder extinguisher and activated the fire alarm in the hallway of Weaver Hall at 4:36 a.m. Nov. 15.

The system was reset.

Number of parking tickets issued between Nov. 11-17: 1,111

Number of drunk in public charges since June 4: 34

Don't Forget: Wednesday classes will be held on Tuesday because of Thanksgiving break!

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Attention Seniors:

We, the members of the 1998 Senior Class Challenge Steering Committee, spent this semester researching different possible senior class gifts. We have narrowed down a list of gift ideas to five great gifts. Now, we want to hear from you! Please rank the gifts in order of your preference (1 = favorite and 5 = least favorite).

Statue of James Madison: A 7-foot, bronze statue of James Madison located on the Quad. A wonderful way to show our pride in our school and our class. "Class of '98" will appear on the pedestal along with a quote chosen by our class. A great place to have photos taken. And if you touch his toe, you may have good luck!

JMU Flowerbed on Interstate 81: A bed of flowers and trees, in the shape of JMU, located on the west side of Interstate 81 on the hill across from UREC. What a beautiful way to greet students, alumni, and friends of JMU!

Funding for the Visiting Scholars program: We can bring big name speakers to JMU every year by supporting the Visiting Scholars program. Visiting scholars are interesting, informative, and educational AND they will put us one step closer to achieving Phi Beta Kappa status, which will enhance everyone's JMU diploma.

Class of '98 Scholarship: The senior class can help attract and reward JMU's top students by offering an academic scholarship. We select the name and we determine the criteria. The perfect way of ensuring that only the best attend JMU!

Funding for library resources: Everyone knows we need new books and state-of-the-art machines and research resources (not periodicals) for the library. Let's put our money where our mouth is- let's support the library.

There are four ways to let your voice be heard. Return your survey results to the committee by:

- 1) mailing this completed survey to Senior Class Challenge, MSC 8701, Campus Mail;
- 2) emailing your survey results to horschil;
- 3) calling the Senior Class Challenge office at x3174 (leave a message if we aren't there!); or
- 4) telling us in person on the Commons on Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first lucky 250 seniors to vote will receive delicious *Hershey's* chocolate bars!

No matter how you vote, be sure to include these vital stats:

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Social Security #: _____
Telephone #: _____

Thanks for helping to make this year's Senior Class Challenge the best yet!

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P.S. Are you interested in joining our team? It's not too late! Call Lisa at x2825 or Andrew at x3174 or see any member of the 1998 Senior Class Challenge Steering Committee!

*** All votes must be in by Tuesday, Nov. 25**

The Senior Class Challenge is a giving program specifically designed by seniors. It is called a challenge because the Class of 1998 has been challenged by the Class of 1997 to raise more than they did. It is also an opportunity for the senior class members to make a lasting impression at JMU by restricting their pledges to a certain area of support. The senior class determines the area of support, and it is understood that the designated area of support would improve an area of the university.

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THURSDAY 20

- 🐾 EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 309, 5-6:30 p.m. Details: Liz, x7877.
- 🐾 Fellowship and dinner, Wesley Foundation, 5:30 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.
- 🐾 Fellowship and praise, sponsored by Baptist Student Union, BSU Center, 5:30 p.m. Details: BSU Center, 434-6822.
- 🐾 Anthropology Club meeting, Sheldon Hall, rm. 114, 6 p.m. Details: Megan, 574-4515.
- 🐾 Madison Mediators meeting, Moody Hall, rm. 205, 6 p.m.
- 🐾 Spring 1998 Student Teaching Orientation, sponsored by Teacher Education Services, Burruss Hall, rm. 44, 6:30 p.m.
- 🐾 NAACP meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 309, 7 p.m.
- 🐾 New Life Singers, Wesley Foundation, 7 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.
- 🐾 Folk Group Practice, sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, CCM House, 7-8 p.m. Details: CCM House, 434-7360.
- 🐾 Prime Time, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, Warren Campus Center, Highlands room, 7:45 p.m.
- 🐾 Young Democratic Socialists meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 400, 8 p.m. Details: Michael, 574-1957.
- 🐾 Religious Discussion, presented by Muslim Students Association, Taylor Hall, rm. 309, 8 p.m. Details: Shabana, 433-7923.
- 🐾 Stratford Players present "Sunday, Monday and Albert H. Drew," Theatre II, 8 p.m. Details: Mike, 434-5373.
- 🐾 Univeristy Program Board Acoustic Jazz and Poetry, Taylor Down Under, TDU stage, 8 p.m.
- 🐾 Bible study, Wesley Foundation, 8:15 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.

FRIDAY 21

- 🐾 Rosary group, sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 7:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Details: Kara, 433-5340.
- 🐾 Spring 1998 Student Teaching Orientation, sponsored by Teacher Education Services, Roop Hall, rm. 202, 1 p.m.
- 🐾 Stratford Players present "Sunday, Monday and Albert H. Drew," Theatre II, 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. Details: Mike, 434-5373.
- 🐾 Bible study, sponsored by Baptist Student Union, BSU Center, 7 p.m. Details: BSU Center, 434-6822.

SATURDAY 22

- 🐾 Mass, sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 6 p.m. Details: Christine, 574-0534.
- 🐾 Bryan Redding, TDU, TDU stage, 8 p.m.
- 🐾 Stratford Players present "Sunday, Monday and Albert H. Drew," Theatre II, 8 p.m. Details: Mike, 434-5373.

SUNDAY 23

- 🐾 Mass, sponsored by CCM, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Details: Christine, 574-0534.
- 🐾 Sunday Supper, sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 6:30 p.m. Details: Kara, 433-5340.
- 🐾 Contemporary worship service, Wesley Foundation, 7 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.

Let's go to the mall . . .

Habits of the average mall shoppers ages 14-17 vs. all shoppers:

	Ages 14-17	All shoppers
Spending trip	\$38.55	\$59.20
Visits per year	54	39
Minutes per trip	90	76
Bought at department store	28%	42%
Bought at mall shop	56%	48%
Went for specific store/item	30%	44%
Went to window shop/browse	51%	42%

Source: USA Today

THOMAS SCALA/graphics editor



Egypt's tourism minister says country is safe; business expected to decline

LONDON — Middle East tour operators fear their business will be hit by fallout from the attack in Egypt, but Egypt's tourism minister put on a brave face Tuesday, insisting his nation is as safe as any others.

"Were you not able to prevent bombings at the World Trade Center or Oklahoma City?" Mamdouh el-Beltagui asked an American reporter at the World Travel Market conference in London. "And you have a strong police force. Egypt is no less safe."

El-Beltagui rattled off a number of other incidents — including bombings in Paris and London, and fatal attacks on European tourists in Florida — that he said caused no lasting damage to the respective travel industries.

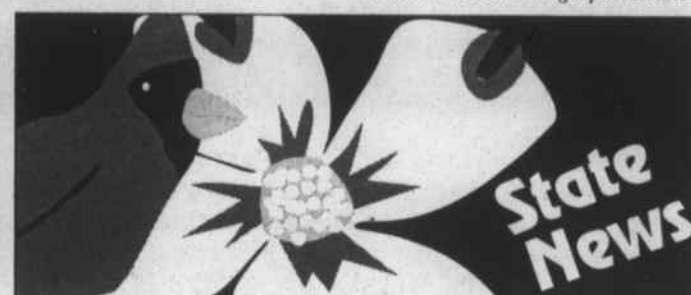
But earlier terrorist killings have created severe hardships for Egypt's \$2 billion travel industry — even though they had fewer casualties than the 58 tourists killed in Monday's attack in Luxor.

Around the big Egyptian pavilion at the tourism conference, glum-faced tour operators and Cairo hoteliers refused to talk about their troubles. All around the convention, newspaper headlines blared out the tragedy, such as the *Daily Mail's* front page: "British tourists die in horror on Nile."

Mazen F. Al-Sharif, owner of Pella Tours in Amman, said the vacations he sells in Jordan are perfectly safe but many Westerners will probably stay away in the short term.

"For the very near future, it will affect us a lot, but after it goes for a while — three or four months — that will change," Al-Sharif predicted. "As you know, Jordan is safe, but because we are near Egypt, that will affect us."

—AP/newsfinder news service



Beatles Museum owner could get by with a little help from some extra space

STANARDSVILLE — Michael McKee, owner of McKee's Beatles Museum, is looking for a new home for his showplace — preferably in a larger city or town.

The owner of one of Stanardsville's most popular tourist spots said he wants a larger jurisdiction to increase visits to his one-room Beatles shrine. The museum features records, guitars, photos and other memorabilia of the Fab Four.

"I got 16,000 visitors in Greene County in one year," McKee said. "What would I have had if I was in Charlottesville?"

The California native, who also owns a printing business, said he has received telephone calls from about 20 cities including Manassas, Virginia Beach and Roanoke asking McKee to move his museum.

In addition to attracting more visitors, McKee said he needs more space for displays, some of which he has stored due to lack of space.

"You get eight people in there and they're bumping into each other," McKee said.

"Especially with our new display cases, there's just not enough room," he said.

He said he has examined several sites, the smallest about five times the size of his current museum. The site used to be the old town post office, he said.

McKee also said he is looking for a location where more young people who tend to be more familiar with and enjoy the Beatles' music than older people live and congregate.

"There's no population base here," he said. "I don't mean to offend anyone, but a lot of people in the county are just too old."

—AP/newsfinder news service

Preview

Coming soon to The Breeze . . .

- News: Virginia's first snow tubing park at Massanutten
- Focus: The naked truth about streaking — its history and decline at JMU

EDITORIAL

Face Off: Will the 'Smokeout' work?

Great American Smokeout will effectively help smokers to quit

— Jane Guschke

To quit smoking is a constant battle, but this battle can be won with the Great American Smokeout. Hundreds of JMU students and faculty have the chance to come together to reach the same difficult goal: kicking the habit. Will it really help smokers quit? Yes!

Most smokers know smoking is bad for them but are unaware of just how unhealthy it really is. The Smokeout provides an endless amount of information smokers and nonsmokers would otherwise never know. The Smokeout features different relaxation activities that have been planned to promote and emphasize the many healthy ways to relieve stress and anxiety — alternatives to lighting up.

It may seem that speakers sharing valuable information about smoking that can change people's lives, creating an Adopt-a-Smoker Contract and participating in activities such as "Burn Your Butt" aerobics classes, aroma therapy and massage sessions aren't enough.

But think how powerful it is to be surrounded by other individuals who, just like you, want to quit and are willing to learn how. The most difficult aspect of becoming smoke-free is getting motivated. The Great American Smokeout fosters the willpower of smokers and guides them to the road of recovery from harmful addiction.

The effectiveness of the Great American Smokeout lies within the concept that forcing smokers to change will only accomplish resentment and rebellion. The Smokeout emphasizes that people have healthier and more positive choices out there for fighting addiction, and helps them take control of their lives. Smoking is a serious and harmful addiction that affects everyone. It can be overcome with positive behavior techniques through events such as the Great American Smokeout.

Jane Guschke is a freshman undeclared major.

Smokers are addicts; Great American Smokeout not a permanent solution

— Tara Hafer

Yes, the Great American Smokeout will increase awareness concerning the dangers of smoking and the benefits of being smoke-free. But for how long? It seems like wishful thinking to believe a long-term nicotine addict is going to stop smoking altogether just because of a three-day promotion. Smoking is an addiction that must be cured through more continuous and forceful tactics.

For many years we've all been educated on the dangers of smoking. We've learned nicotine is a dangerous and addictive drug. We've all seen the surgeon general warnings in bold black letters on cigarette cartons.

Even if you somehow missed all of that information, the President has even made restrictions recently on the advertisement and distribution of tobacco products. In short, it is impossible not to realize the dangers of smoking.

Smokers know their habit could kill them. People smoke by choice, and it is their decision and their bodies; they can do what they choose. No one has the power to infringe upon these rights. If they already know smoking is dangerous to their health, why would they stop after a three-day event? Why, after years of previous education would smokers stop something they obviously enjoy despite the risks? It's apparent all other attempts at getting them to kick the habit have failed.

Like many addictions, smoking can't be cured over a short period of time. Overcoming this habit requires a long period of dedication. People also use strict tactics like nicotine patches, gum, support programs and sometimes psychological counseling when trying to quit.

Although the Great American Smokeout may be temporarily beneficial, it is ludicrous to think it will be a long-term solution.

Tara Hafer is a freshman chemistry major.



Dart...

An "I-am-not-a-crook" dart to the PC Dukes employee who wrongfully accused me of stealing chicken strips. If you paid more attention to your job, you wouldn't have to worry so much about theft.

Sent in by a very embarrassed student who wants an apology.

Pat...

A "wonderful-performance" pat to all the student choreographers and performers in last week's student dance concert.

Sent in by a proud and inspired dance coordinator.

Dart...

A "did-you-think-we-wouldn't-see-it?" dart to the person who carved the initials MPH into our kitchen table at our party Saturday night.

Sent in by two girls who didn't appreciate spending their Sunday evening sanding their table.

Pat...

A "you're-lifesavers" pat to the community service representatives, volunteers and donors who helped make this semester's Blood Wars the best ever. You brought in 31 pints more than the goal!

Sent in by a student who knows what a difference you made in the world with your selfless efforts.

Dart...

A "your-timing-sucks" dart to whoever is responsible for my phone being dead when I saw Matt Pinfield on MTV Sunday.

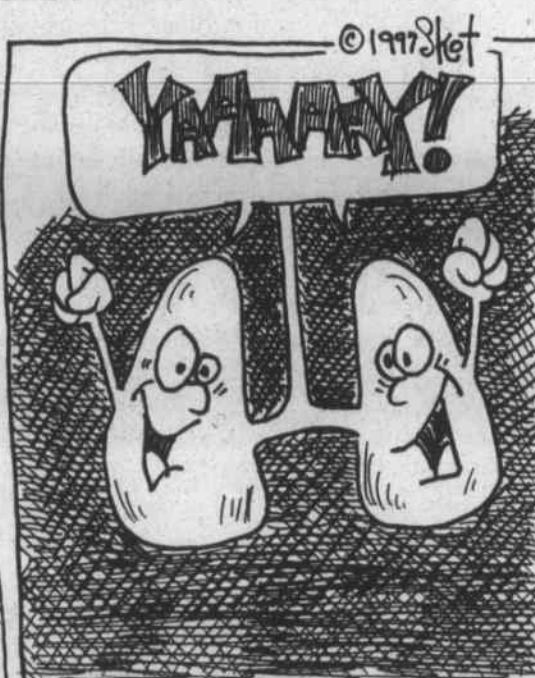
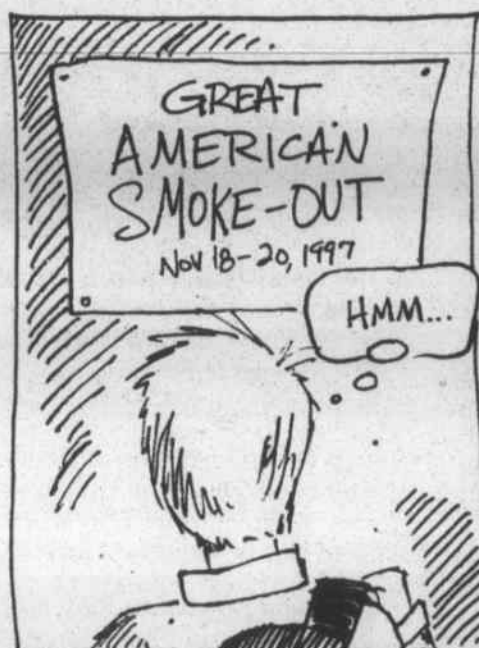
Sent in by a student who could be \$50,000 richer if it hadn't been for her phone being out of order.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-your-concern" pat to the campus policeman who stopped me on my walk home a few nights ago to see if I needed a ride.

Sent in by a student who was almost home anyway but appreciated the offer.

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Letters to the editor should be no more than 500 words, columns should be no more than 800 words, and both will be published on a space available basis. They must be delivered to The Breeze by noon Tuesday or 5 p.m. Friday. The Breeze reserves the right to edit for clarity and space.

The opinions in this section do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper, this staff, or James Madison University.



OP/ED

Cupid's cruel arrows crush unsuspecting hearts

I have a crush on you. These are difficult words to hear. Unless of course, they come from someone that you wish to be kissing and hugging. Alas, this is never the case, because Cupid is a harsh, blind god.

But, difficult as these words are to hear, they are far more difficult to say.

Impossible is a better description of their difficulty level. Give me mountains to climb and seas to cross, give me alligators to fight, but do not give me the person upon whom my every attention is fastened and require me to profess my love for her. I will go crazy stupid. You just watch me.

You know how it is. Ordinarily you are a real smoothie. "Hey," you think, "I am a real hip cat. I am so hip I" have difficulty fitting into small rooms. Look at my cool shirt."

But then She is standing there. Looking cute. Looking at you. Looking cute at you.

There are these little people that work in the brain. They are very serious, business-like people. They wear little suits and grave expressions. If they went to JMU they would attend classes in Zane

Showker Hall. They are in charge of your brain, and ordinarily they do a fine job.

But when confronted with the object of your affections, they panic. They hoot like monkeys and smack each other with their little Italian briefcases. They race across the room up there in Main Brain Control.

Quickly! She is talking to Us! We must act!



They look in the brain's Operations Manual. In event of test, study. In event of sad movie, cry. Where is it? Here! In event of having a crush person talk to us — oh no! There is no entry! There is only illegible handwriting in the tiny margin! We must shut everything down! Sirens go off, klaxons wail. The brain is shutting down.

Meanwhile it is your turn to talk. It is your turn to say something charming. Your turn to be cute. Now you must say the one thing that will convince this person you are ideal marrying material, and they would do well to snap you right up.

"Ummm," you say. "Uh... yeah. It sure has gotten colder lately. I, uh... I wear a fuzzy hat when it gets cold."

Fuzzy hat? What am I saying? Why am I talking about my fuzzy hat? She is looking at me like there is a weasel on my head. I am not making any sense. I am talking about my hat. Why am I doing this? Why am I not saying clever things that will make her laugh and smile and be more beautiful, instead of saying things that make her want to talk to someone more coherent?

I don't know why. It is very sad.

Crushes are, by their very nature, sad things. They are doomed to failure, doomed to leave you smiling a fake smile like a pumpkin and holding your fuzzy hat. See? This is my fuzzy hat.

But it is too late. The second you start to be infatuated with someone is the exact moment your chances of ever smooching them fade into thin inconsequential mist. Like air-freshener. The sad, sad air-freshener of unrequited love.

Why is this so? Why are crushes so terrible? Why do they wound us so?

Examine the word itself. It is sneaky. We must look carefully. We open up our

Big Book Of Useful Terms. Let's see... crankshaft, cucumber — oops, passed it.

There it is. Crush. Noun. An idle and harmless infatuation. Hmmm. No problem: there. Crush. Verb. To smooch into a tiny ball. To destroy.

Ah-ha! We have you now, you twisty snake-word! You are there to smooch us into a tiny ball. You are there to make us feel sad. Away Cupid! I turn my shield of narrowed eyes against your feathered shafts of damnation! You are no friend to me, you weird little flying baby.

Well, no more. No more will I be smooched by affection. No

more will I see Her and try to think of an excuse to hide, or at least pretend to clean my glasses. I will be strong. Winter is coming; winter will be my friend. Together we will play backgammon and listen to the Modern Jazz Quartet as the long pale fields sink into dreamless sleep. I am safe.

Safe until spring. This is my fuzzy hat.

Brian Minter is a senior mass communication major.

Guest Columnist

— Brian Minter

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New JMU Silent Witness Program suggestive of totalitarian society

To the Editor:

I was appalled to read an article titled "Silent Witness Program lets students anonymously report crimes on 'Net' in the Nov. 10 Breeze. The name of the program itself is an oxymoron.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines a witness as "a person who testifies in court." I submit we call these individuals what our criminal justice system calls them — anonymous informants.

In any society, informants are inevitable and law enforcement authorities can't ignore information from these frequently unreliable sources. What distinguishes a free society from others is the extent to which law enforcement authorities promote and rely upon informants.

Free societies embrace systems where those accused of criminal activity face their accusers. Totalitarian societies are unconcerned with due process of the law; the means justify the end.

One of the objectives of this university is to create good citizens. Good citizens are willing to stand as witnesses against those they accuse of criminal activity. There is no place for an officially sanctioned system of anonymous informants in a university community within a free society.

Arthur Hamilton
professor of business

Students should be equally concerned with quality of education as GPA

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Monday's house editorial in *The Breeze* titled, "High GPAs hurt JMU students?" You are right, I did say that some students may be "overly concerned about GPA." I should have gone on to say I think students should be equally concerned about the quality of the education that their GPA's represent.

Being on the Dean's List or in a honor organization is

something to be proud of if the GPA stands for exceptional achievement. Maintaining a GPA to receive financial aid or to participate in sports is of course important. But do you really think the most important thing a high GPA does is to make students "feel good about themselves and the time and money they spend at JMU?" I hope not.

I love teaching because, at its best, I get to see bright students meet challenges by bringing their very best to the exploration of texts and ideas. Students reach beyond themselves and what they already know to learn and grow. I get to watch students gain the pride and self-esteem that come from the hard-won accomplishment of worthwhile and difficult goals.

In my classes, I try to set realistic but challenging standards. I try to engender real discussion of questions and concerns in the literature we read. I encourage and respect honest engagement with difficult subject matter. I do this because I care about my students. I do not want to send them to their first jobs or professional or graduate schools feeling "good about themselves" but unprepared to meet the challenges which life presents.

So yes, I think some students can focus too much on GPA alone and not enough on what it should represent: the highest level of achievement students can attain when urged on to excellence. You concluded your editorial by saying you thought educators wanted their students to do well. I think highly enough of JMU students to hope they want to achieve their very best.

Cynthia Gilliatt
professor of English

Few lower-level business courses offered; students can't fill requirements

To the Editor:

How can sophomores in the College of Business be expected to complete their lower level requirements when the College of Business doesn't make those classes available?

I am one of many sophomores who has found it impossible to register for these required classes — classes such as

COB 291 that closed within a few hours of sophomore registration. The simple solution is to add one or two additional sections. But apparently the College of Business doesn't understand that concept.

Students have been hounding the new Student Development Center with override requests in hopes of squeezing into a section. We haven't been given a face to talk to but an email address in which to address our request instead.



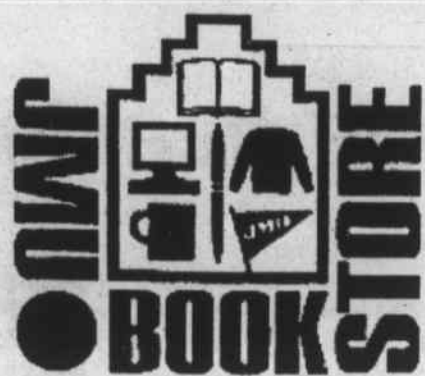
After sending email messages, we sat around and waited while other classes we could take as alternatives were filling up. Many still haven't received a response.

The College of Business has refrained from informing students of what they're doing to correct the problem of lack of space in required courses. There are rumors the College of Business will waive the requirement of completing these classes prior to registering for 300-level courses. There are also rumors that additional sections for required classes will be added.

But when interested students have called the Student Development Center to get some answers they have talked to a voice mailbox. The calls haven't been returned.

Faculty members need to deal with this situation. Stop ignoring your panicking students. Please do your part by allowing us to fulfill our lower level requirements. News flash: Without open sections of required classes, we can't meet your academic demands.

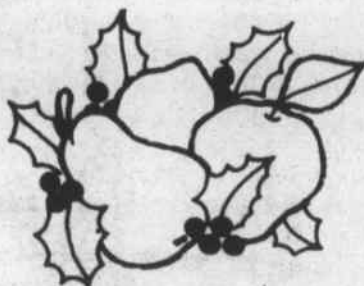
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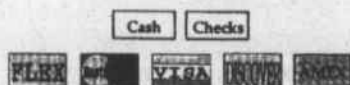


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The Ancient World and Roman Britain

Julius Caesar Mummies Queen Elizabeth II



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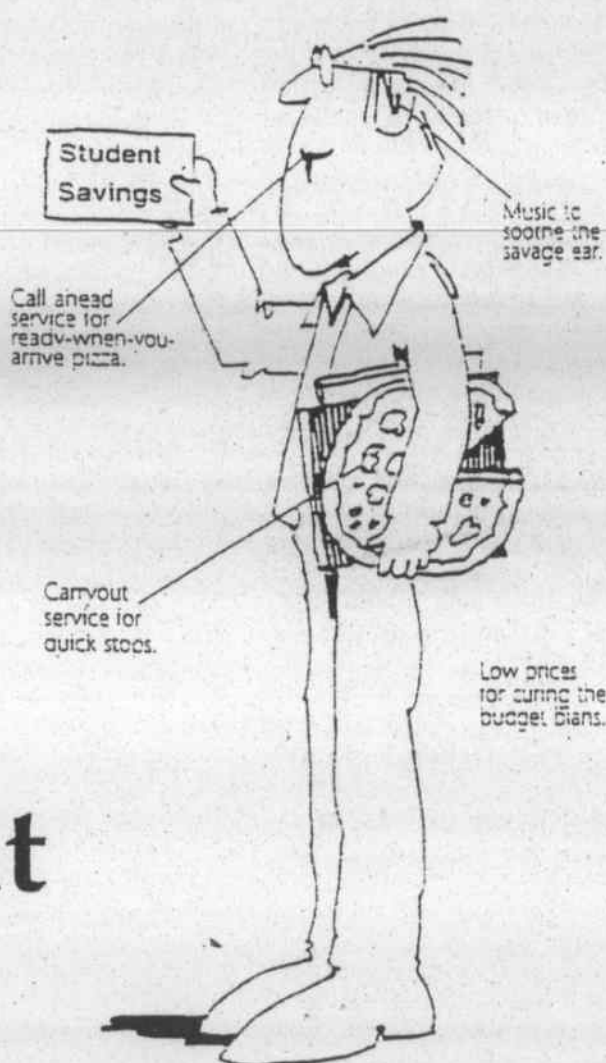
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Amazing Grace

Ballet company presents premiere performance

by Ann Keast
contributing writer

Ornamented with vibrantly colored dresses and delicate toe shoes, three soloists from the newly formed Harrisonburg Ballet — sophomores Michelle Ferrara, Jennifer Harradon and Keri Schwab — float across a makeshift stage. The stage is tiny and the stereo system is mediocre. Despite these nuisances the dancer's painted faces glow with excitement.

This event, which took place last Saturday at the Valley Mall, is one way Michael Gwin, artistic director of the Harrisonburg Ballet, is generating support for the company's first major performance. The promotional event at the mall targeted shoppers in an effort to attract an audience for Saturday's performance at Harrisonburg High School. After all, as Gwin states, "The first year a company forms is all about getting organized and building an audience."

Gwin is busy making preparations for his 22-member company's premiere performance. Gwin said the concert is at a high school for several reasons. "JMU's facilities are booked," he said. "It's impossible to get space. The high school is good because it has a great stage, seats 1,000 and it's available."

Saturday night's performance will consist mostly of classical ballet works including the famous "Nutcracker Suite"'s grande pas de deux, powerful Galzunov

dances and other classical variations from "Les Sylphide" and "The Sleeping Beauty." The concert will also include contemporary dances choreographed by Gwin and Suzanne Miller, assistant associate professor of dance at JMU.

After many weekends of rehearsals, the company's dancers, 15 of whom are JMU students, are excited about finally performing. "I love performing," said sophomore Katy Ervin, who is one of the company's principal dancers. "It's sort of what makes it all worthwhile. Dancing for yourself is wonderful, but when there's an audience watching and they're interested in what you do, it makes the movement have more meaning."

Leah Sparkes, another principle dancer in the company, hopes people will come "to be entertained by the movement of dance but also to support a local ballet company that provides students of the community [with a means] to dance what they love."

In contrast, Gwin has a more whimsical notion of what attracts individuals to a classical ballet performance. "People will come to escape from it all," Gwin said. "They don't want to think. They want to see something pretty. We all have those childhood fantasies of wearing pretty clothes and tiaras. Even guys want to show off on stage."

The performance is Saturday, 8 p.m., at Harrisonburg High School. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, students and senior citizens. For more information, call 574-0787.



ANGELA COSTANZO/staff photographer

Sophomore Jennifer Harradon, a member of the Harrisonburg Ballet, performed a portion of "The Nutcracker Suite" at Valley Mall last Saturday.

Mitch Vakerics' MOVIE TRIVIA

Name the following:

- Title of the movie
- Character(s) who said the quote

"First the Fat Boys break up and now this! Man, there's nothing left to believe in."

From: "Boomerang," said by Boney T (Chris Rock)

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Revised 'Jackal' goes nowhere fast

by Brent Bowles
staff writer

"The Jackal" is a gimmick film, and like the dozens of cat-and-mouse chase movies that have come before, its success hinges solely on developing a juicy and credible foil to our heroic protagonists. Bruce Willis, in an interesting bit of casting, plays a high-tech assassin who's set his sights on the First Lady. But despite his devilishly understated performance, the movie is so terribly written and other casting choices so completely ludicrous, that "The Jackal" is a chase going nowhere fast.

REVIEW



After some unexplained meddling with the Russian mafia, the FBI and Russian Military Police decide they can't catch this Jackal on their own, and they enlist the help of imprisoned Irish sniper Declan Mulqueen (Richard Gere). With the Deputy Director of the FBI (played by the venerable Sidney Poitier) watching his every move, Mulqueen uses his all-to-convenient knowledge of the Jackal's methods and identity to track him. Then, the Jackal takes an uncharacteristically bad step, and Mulqueen's quest becomes a personal one.

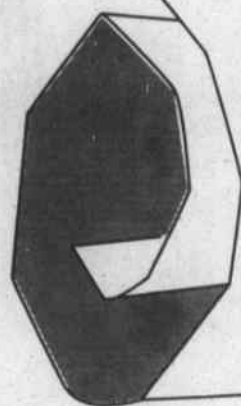
Were it not for the terrible miscasting of Gere (come to think of it, has he ever been right for a part?), the squaring-off between him and Willis might actually be plausible. But the film's failure is not completely Gere's fault; strong character writing, which "The Jackal" fatally lacks, is an absolute must to make both the assassin and the feds cred-

ible (and intriguing) opponents. Writer Chuck Pfarrer's plotting (based very loosely on Fred Zinnemann's classic film "The Day of the Jackal") is too inane and his characterizations too shallow to make Willis and Gere's face-off involving.

Did anyone bother to check Pfarrer's résumé before accepting his script? He wrote "Navy SEALs" for God's sake! Pfarrer's drawing of his killer is probably the weakest element of the film, despite Willis's blistering performance. It's great that he's all about money and flashy weaponry, but there's got to be more in order for him to become a palpable villain. Unlike, for example, John Malkovich's presidential assassin in "In the Line of Fire," there's no personal satisfaction for the Jackal to gain, and as cold-blooded as his monetary motivation may seem, such fantastic sums are so far removed from most moviegoers that it's completely ineffectual.

Not only does Pfarrer also leave glaring inconsistencies in the Jackal's character (would such a relentless killer really drop his meticulously planned operation and go after Mulqueen's Bashe-separatist ex-lover?), but his opponents are so blandly drawn they come off as magnificent bores. Especially in the case of Poitier, who, in an epic waste of talent, is dropped into a hardly visible, thankless role. When you get one of this century's greatest acting talents to sign on the dotted line, you don't give him a part like this!

All this from the director of 1995's outstanding Scottish adventure "Rob Roy." It seems the career of Michael Caton-Jones is spotty at best; after the artistic success of the erotic "Scandal" and the Depression Era drama "King of the Hill," he goes and makes commercial flops like "Memphis Belle" and "The Jackal." His even-handed direction can't save this film, and Willis's excellent performance, from its highly problematic script and what promised to be a crackling political thriller, becomes a colossal disappointment.



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Mr. (Kevin) Smith goes to JMU

Up and coming writer/director Smith speaks tonight at Grafton-Stovall

by Ryan Learmouth
staff writer

Movie director Kevin Smith will speak tonight at Grafton-Stovall Theatre following the 7 p.m. showing of his 1997 film "Chasing Amy." The appearance marks the first time a director of such magnitude has visited JMU since a 1995 visit by "Hoop Dreams" director and JMU graduate Steve James.

Smith has gained a cult following with his first three films "Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy." Reportedly, Smith is now busy working on two films for release in 1998: "Fleisch 3" (an update of the adventures of Chevy Chase's 1980s icon) and "Dogma" (with an all-star cast featuring Emma Thompson, Chris Rock, Linda Fiorentino and Selma Hayek).

Smith will take the stage for a question and answer session after the 7 p.m. screening of "Chasing Amy." Other events planned for the evening include the music of local bands Shield Felt Point and Mr. Holland's Anus before the film, and an interpretive dance

by the JMU Break-Dancing club following the film.

One fan of Smith's films anxiously awaits his appearance tonight.

"Kevin Smith is an inspiration to young artists everywhere," junior Jamie Wood said. "He started from scratch and went on from there. I'm really looking forward to his appearance here on campus."

The University Program Board is responsible for coordinating the event. UPB Film Chair Amy Edwards explains that getting a director like Smith doesn't happen easily or cheaply. "At first, it didn't look like it was going to happen, but we whittled the price down until it was possible," Edwards said.

UPB Film Assistant James Bilgihan notes that while this is the first time in recent years that a popular director has come to JMU, this may not be the last time. "If this works out, we might try to do something similar in the future," Bilgihan said. "We're trying to see how this goes."

How did the UPB decide Smith was worth pursuing? "We knew there was a following [for



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Writer/director Kevin Smith, who has received awards at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival, will speak and answer questions tonight at Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

Smith's films] because of the turnout for 'Chasing Amy' earlier this year," Edwards said.

UPB Film Assistant Ted Boyke agrees that the reaction to Smith's scheduled appearance has been tremendous due to the

popularity of his films among students. "[Student reaction] has been positive," Boyke said. "We only carried 'Chasing Amy' for one night. A lot of students wanted to see it and were disappointed we didn't show it longer."

Students now have an opportunity to see the film and one of the most promising writer/directors of recent years.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. showing of "Chasing Amy" at Grafton-Stovall go on sale at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

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Full Circle

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Monday 12/1

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Tuesday 12/2

11am - 1pm
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VAN Information Table

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Wednesday 12/3

11am - 1pm
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12 noon
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Harmless vice? Dangerous narcotic? Medicine? The controversy surrounding legalization of marijuana is as old as the ordinances outlawing the drug. Just why is pot illegal, anyway?

JENNIFER SIMMONS *examines the state of the debate.* * Photo illustrations by ED DYER

What do you call marijuana? Reefer? Chronic? Bud, purple crush or just weed? Chocolate tie or northern lights 1 and 5, or ganja, schwag or cannabis? Skunk? Hawaiian red? Well, no matter what you call marijuana, it doesn't change one important thing: It's still illegal.

That small matter has been an American issue for the past four decades. From the time hippie counter-culture was synonymous with sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll to the causal indifference of the approaching 21st century, the role of marijuana in the lives of America's youth has been a bone of contention between the government and pro-legalization forces.

The pros and cons of legal access to marijuana are fairly clear cut to parties on both sides of the issue. Those opposing legalization believe marijuana is a dangerous euphoric and psychoactive drug that should not be let out onto the market as a legal substance. Those supporting legalization cite defenses such as medicinal use for seriously ill patients and the economic and environmental benefits that can be reaped from hemp, the multi-purpose marijuana plant.

Under the Virginia State Code, the possession of marijuana is a misdemeanor punishable by 33 days in jail and a \$500 fine, according to Commonwealth Attorney, Doug Stark.

Virginia has a special First Offender Statute that says if the person charged has never been convicted of a drug offense, has never before taken advantage of the statute and pleads guilty to the possession charge, they may get off with 12 months probation, and if they are "clean" after one year, the charges are dismissed.

Distribution or intent to distribute results in a more serious punishment. If a person has less than half an ounce of marijuana in their possession, it is a Class I misdemeanor leading to 12 months in jail and a \$250,000 fine. Possession of between half an ounce and five pounds of marijuana can get you 10 years in the state penitentiary.

The federal laws in marijuana cases are more severe than the state laws and can include a lifetime jail sentence in a federal prison, a two million dollar fine or even the death penalty in some extreme cases, according to the Marijuana Project Policy internet home page (www.mpp.org).

Every year, the federal government funnels millions of dollars to individual states to aid the War on Drugs. Since the war began during the Bush administration, authorities have cracked down on all drug trafficking, from the big-time, hard drug dealer to the 15 year-old selling joints in the high school parking lot.

Area high schools have been subject to locker inspections by drug dogs trained to sniff out any drugs that might be hidden among students' possessions, according to Lt. Bill Meadows, media relations officer for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department.

"There are very few cases [of drug possession] that come out of these searches," Meadows says. "Most of the drugs we find are found through underlying causes such as being arrested for drunk in public and then being searched in the jail and finding a bag in their pocket in the process."

Meadows says when the police find even small amounts of suspected marijuana, they send it off to the lab to be tested before making any formal charges. Also, Meadows says a suspect can be charged for possession if they have used drug paraphernalia on them, such as a used pipe or bong.

Meadows says he has seen enough abuse of marijuana to know that if it was legalized, regardless of the purpose, be it hemp or medicine, "you would have people abuse [marijuana] readily."

"There is a humongous drug problem in the U.S. and legalization is just not a possibility," Meadows says.

"I was in Vietnam in the early 70's, and there were plenty of airmen that thought they could function as normal after smoking pot. Instead of taking a coffee break, they'd walk around the base and smoke a joint."

While Meadows concedes that under the pressures of

war, many were looking for some relief, "they weren't out driving vehicles around town like people would be today."

That is one of the concerns that many share about the legalization of marijuana. Some fear that if the drug is legalized for adult recreational use, as groups such as the non-profit National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws hope to achieve, people will be driving automobiles, trains, planes, buses or any other sort of public transportation while under the influence.

Alan MacNutt, JMU director of public safety, says, "I want to ask those people who advocate the legal use of marijuana if they want to ride in a plane or a car or something where the person operating it has been smoking pot."

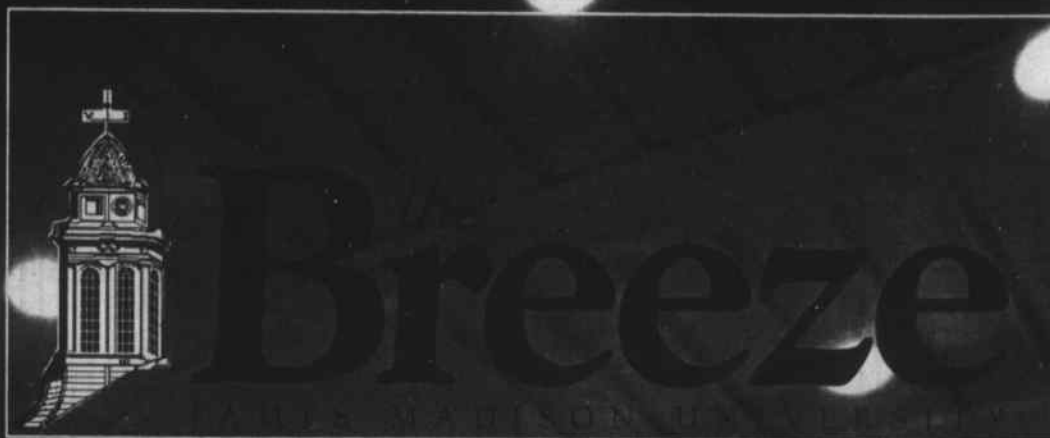
Junior Mike Sag has mixed beliefs on the issue but does agree with MacNutt on the question of driving while high. "I used to think making pot legal was the greatest idea in the world," he recalls. "Until my freshman year roommate said, 'Can you just imagine if everyone that smoked cigarettes smoked pot instead, and everyone you saw on the road with a cigarette was really smoking a joint? Then you'd have 60 million high people driving around on the road.'"

MacNutt is skeptical of the true motives of those who want to legalize marijuana. "I think people are being disingenuous about the intended use of legal marijuana. I doubt they want it legalized just for those that are terminally ill. More likely, they want it for their own recreational use."

Other concerns about the legalization of marijuana deal more specifically with the personal hazards to the smoker.

As Meadows says, "It's a gateway drug." The idea of a "gateway" drug is that after a person has become used to the high they get from marijuana, they desire a more potent effect and go on to try stronger and more dangerous drugs.

However, there are those who argue with that theory. JMU senior Wendy Bohon believes that if the government classifies marijuana as a gateway drug, then other substances such as alcohol and cigarettes should fall in that



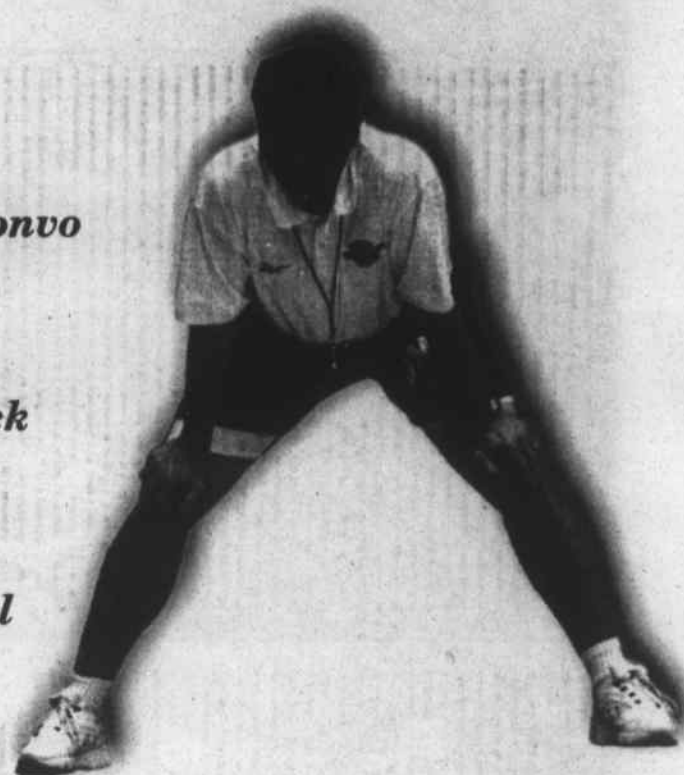
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MEN'S

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
3	Ned Felton	G	Jr.	5-11	160	Jersey City, NJ
4	Marvin Zaandam	F	So.	6-8	200	Lelystad, Neth.
10	Dwayne Braxton	G	Fr.	6-3	170	Dillwyn, Va.
15	Eddie McNamara	G	Jr.	6-6	180	Great Falls, Va.
20	Jamar Perry	G	So.	6-4	190	Pleasantville, NJ
21	Chatney Howard	G	Sr.	6-4	190	Davidsonville, Md.
22	Eugene Atkinson	G	Jr.	6-5	195	Newark, NJ
25	James Pelham	G	Jr.	6-1	180	Hopewell, NJ
32	Kevan Johnson	F	So.	6-6	195	Preston, Md.
40	Fred Boyd	F	Jr.	6-7	250	Lubbock, Texas
42	Lamont Boozier	F-C	Sr.	6-10	230	Rock Hill, S.C.
55	Rob Strickland	C	So.	6-10	285	Pleasantville, NJ

WOMEN'S

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown
5	Kish Jordan	G-F	Jr.	5-9	Harrisonburg, Va.
10	Kia Cole	G	Fr.	5-7	Reston, Va.
11	Mistiza Colebank	G	So.	5-9	Virginia Beach, Va.
12	Shirlence Archer	G-F	Jr.	5-9	Sandersville, Ga.
14	Mandy White	G	Fr.	5-9	Columbus, Ohio
15	Nyesha Basey	G	Sr.	5-6	Martinsburg, W. Va.
22	Becky Wollenberg	G	Fr.	5-9	Annandale, Va.
31	Mary Ashley	F	Jr.	6-0	Charlottesville, Va.
32	Akosua Demann	C	Jr.	6-2	San Rafael, Calif.
33	Rose Fox	G	r-So.	5-8	Janesville, Wis.
34	Sonya Nichols	F	r-So.	6-0	Chicago
35	Stacey Todd	C	Fr.	6-2	Englewood, Colo.
40	Hope Cook	G	Jr.	6-0	Gladys, Va.
43	Manika Herring	F	Jr.	5-11	Bethel Park, Pa.
55	Angela Madeira	F-C	Fr.	6-1	Mohrsville, Pa.

Men's Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 22	North Carolina A&T	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Washington	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Morgan State	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Duquesne	2 p.m.
Dec. 16	Mississippi State	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Towson	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 23	Butler	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	Fiesta Bowl Classic	
	Kansas State vs. Davidson	7:15 p.m.
	JMU vs. Arizona	9:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	Consolation Game	7:15 p.m.
	Championship Game	9:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Richmond*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	East Carolina*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Old Dominion*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Norfolk State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	William & Mary*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	UNC Wilmington*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	American*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	George Mason*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	VCU*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Richmond*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	UNC Wilmington*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Old Dominion*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	William & Mary*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	VCU*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	East Carolina*	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	American*	2 p.m.
Feb. 23	George Mason*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25- March 1	CAA Tournament	TBA

* Colonial Athletic Association Game
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Women's Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 19	Delaware	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Vanderbilt	2 p.m.
Nov. 28	Dead River Company Classic	
	Wisconsin vs. SW Louisiana	5 p.m.
	JMU vs. Maine	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Consolation Game	5 p.m.
	Championship Game	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	Mount St. Mary's	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Radford	7 p.m.
Dec. 14	Robert Morris	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	Wake Forest	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Virginia Tech	2 p.m.
Dec. 28	Pacific	2 p.m.
Jan. 2	VCU*	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	American*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	UNC Wilmington*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	William & Mary*	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Old Dominion	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	George Mason*	2 p.m.
Jan. 23	East Carolina*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Richmond*	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	Old Dominion*	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 1	VCU*	2 p.m.
Feb. 6	William & Mary*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Richmond*	7:30 p.m.
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Change is in the

at the Convo

story by Courtney A. Crowley

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"The times they are a changin'"
—Bob Dylan

Dylan was talking about politics and culture, of course. But 30 years later, his timeless anthem is an appropriate theme for the 1997-'98 JMU men's and women's basketball teams.

Countless changes have taken place within the cavernous walls of the Convocation Center since last March. Some have been enormous, some have been bantam. But each change has had an effect on both basketball teams. The Convo is ostensibly a brand new place this year.

"Everything is different, from the locker room to the coaches," senior guard Nyesha Basey said. "The changes seem energetic and motivational."

Basey's on the money as there have been changes literally from top to bottom. And with that, one word seems to reoccur continuously: new. Two new head coaches are prowling around the Convo this year: men's head coach Sherman Dillard and women's head coach Bud Childers. New coaching staffs joined the two head coaches. Each team welcomed new recruits this season. Both teams have new uniforms, warm-ups and shoes. The locker rooms were renovated, and the Convo floor was repainted.

Anything else?

"A new style of play," Childers said.

Oh yeah, that's right. Almost forgot about the old game itself in all the excitement. But here's the trick: All of these cosmetic changes actually do have something to do with the actual game.

The changes mark a radical and complete departure from the Lefty Driesell-Shelia Moorman years. This will be the first season since the Convo opened 15 years ago that Moorman or Driesell won't be patrolling the side-

lines. But the last few seasons were stagnant for both teams. The last time the women took first place in the CAA regular season was 1989; 1991 was the last time for the men. Change is sometimes in order as time marches on because often it steamrolls pedestrian basketball coaches.

Late last winter, both programs were caught hibernating with the bears, but the hirings of two fresh head coaches woke up the sleepy Dukes.

Grabbing players' attention for any first year coach is exceptionally important. It makes the transition from one coach to another less painful. Because 11 out of Dillard's 15 players are holdovers from the Lefty years, coming in as a new coach could have been less than pleasant. But this doesn't seem to be an issue at all. "I can sense that our players have bought into what we're trying to do with enthusiasm," Dillard said.

Sophomore center Rob Strickland said, "I'm glad it all happened — we needed a change."

On the women's side, Childers has nearly an equal balance to new and returning players: eight veterans and six new faces. But in the team's eyes, they are equal — 14 rookies.

"What you get when you change coaches is 14 newcomers basically," Childers said. "Everyone wants to do their best to impress a new coach with a new system. Everyone's trying to maximize their opportunity. The old opinion of people gets washed out, and players get to start new."

Basey said, "It's like having a whole new team. [Childers] really applies our strengths to what he does. Everybody has an opportunity to showcase what they can do, and it's a more team-oriented system where everybody can be involved."

Childers said, "One of the things in life goes that anytime something

changes, it revitalizes everyone involved. Change is good for me. It's revitalized me as a coach and the reciprocal spin as far as my players go — they recommit and take a different approach. [The changes] effect everyone."

Changing coaches is one thing. But in a place as large as the Convo, unwanted reminders of winters past hang around like fungus. Transforming the appearance of the teams and their home court is a way to make a clean break.

"It's important to make changes — but not for the sake of making changes," Dillard said. "The new floor is basically our trademark that says a new era of basketball is here."

Childers said, "All coaches want to have their own mark, our own stamp on things. We want to bring in our own style."

Strickland and Basey both like the cosmetic changes. "It's like if you lose a lot of weight and you want to go with a new look," Basey said. "Besides, seeing the changes just lets us know that we have something to look forward to everyday."

The biggest cosmetic change of all is the floor. The floor is refinished each August, but the last time it was painted was 1988 — Lefty's first season. It was repainted this summer. An image of Duke Dog now sits at the center of the hardwood and he couldn't be happier.

"I encourage [putting me there]," Duke Dog said. "I'm always one for selfish self-promotion. You can't argue with such a good-looking dog on the floor. Besides there's the intimidation factor. I beat Sherman Dillard one-on-one; teams will be scared to see me out there."

JMU President Ronald Carrier happens to be a fan of the new floor. "When I first saw the [picture of Duke Dog on the] floor, it certainly made me turn my head. It is big, but I like it."

Apparently the contest to be featured on the floor was close between man and dog. "Uncle Ron was going to go on there," Duke Dog woofed. "But he said I'm better looking, so they put me on there instead."

Carrier said, "I think Duke Dog is right. Duke Dog has a lot more attractive features for the students. If they made me that large, it would be overwhelming."

Despite the changes to the Convo, the teams will still be playing in front of the same audience who did not always turn out for home games last year.

"My plea to fans — students and faculty — is that you take a proactive stance," Dillard said. "Hopefully you can create a homecourt advantage, which will create a positive cycle. The more fans we have, the more confidence we will have to win, the more we will win. Step up and make a commitment to us."

"I think obviously I'm excited about being back here and hope the cosmetic changes will help the situation and be exciting for the fans," he said.

Some fans are ready to commit to the new Dukes. Sophomore Elizabeth Edwards said, "There seems to be a lot more enthusiasm around. It makes me want to come to games."

In light of all the changes, one important ingredient remained the same but almost went overlooked.

"The coaching staff is totally different, but the attitude is the same," Strickland said. "We play to win. It doesn't matter who the coach is."



It's the stuff dreams are made of. No, it's the stuff movies are made of. Small town boy plays Division I college basketball for a little, but growing university. Small town boy moves on to coach under coaching greats like "Lefty" Driesell and Bobby Cremins. Small town boy gets first head coaching job, rebuilds midwestern program. Smalltown boy returns to his college — now much bigger and more respected — to lead that program into the 21st century.

That small town boy is JMU head basketball coach Sherman Dillard.

It all began on a homemade basketball court in Bassett. With no formal recreation center in town, Dillard and his brothers would shoot for hours on a rickety hoop. Hours turned into days and eventually into years as Dillard made his way up the basketball ranks.

But it wasn't always an easy ride.

"I was cut from my eighth-grade team," Dillard said. "I was cut from my ninth-grade team." It wasn't until Dillard met Ernie Nestor, his high school coach, that things began to turn around.

"[Nestor] was one of the most influential people in my life," Dillard said. "He gave me an opportunity to play, and I basically had a pretty decent high school career."

Decent would be an understatement as he earned a full scholarship to JMU in 1973. He was the first of his family to attend college. Playing under coach Lou Campanelli, Dillard led the Dukes to two NCAA appearances and compiled a 75-29 record in four years as a Duke. He ranks second on the school's all-time scoring list.

Not bad for a guy who had a "decent" high school career.

"I had goals in my mind," he said. "I had certain goals I wanted to achieve, and I thought I could accomplish them at JMU."

Aside from his goals for the basketball court, Dillard had high expectations in the classroom.

"I had decent grades in high school, and coming from a small town, I didn't know if I could compete in the classroom," he said.

Looking back, Dillard rose above the competition graduating magna cum laude with a degree in health and physical education. He was also a three-time Academic All-American.

Even with his wealth of superlatives from the court and classroom, Dillard admits some

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were made around campus. In particular, Dillard recalls his friendship with "Buddy" Mills, a teammate and life-long friend.

"[Mills] was one year ahead of me and active in the recruiting process," Dillard said. "We developed a strong relationship because of that situation. He was my mentor."

Mills passed away while coaching at George Washington Carver High School.

"Not a day goes by when I walk around campus that I don't think of the good times we had," Dillard said.

The good times continued after graduation when Dillard was drafted in the sixth round of the NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers. However, the good times temporarily turned sour

when Dillard was cut from the Pacers.

It wasn't until a he got a break from one of the legendary coaches of college basketball that his life was back on track.

"Lefty [Driesell] gave me a chance to coach, and I really thank him for that," Dillard said. Driesell, then the head coach at the University of Maryland, hired Dillard as an assistant in 1979.

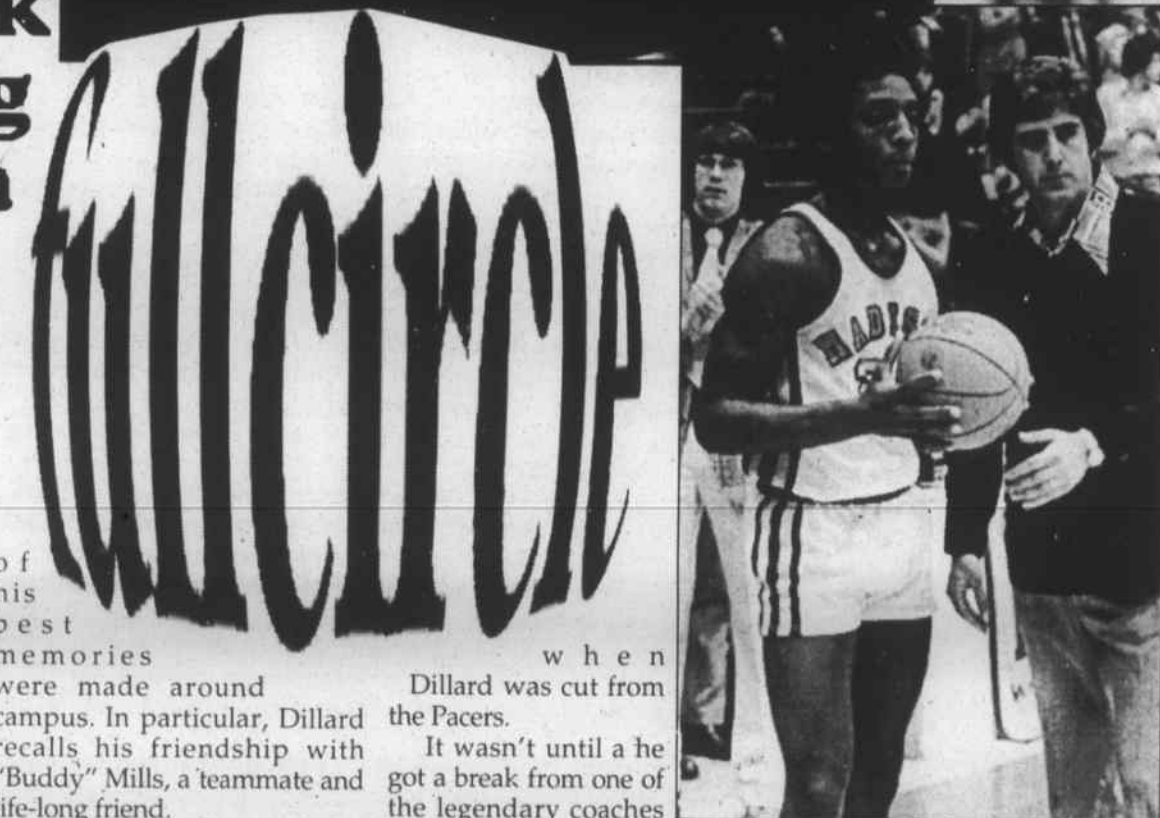
Dillard went to coach under Lou Campanelli at the University of California and Bobby Cremins at Georgia Tech University. To say he's worked under some impressive individuals would simply be stating the obvious.

So, that brings us to the present. After a three-year stint as

the head coach at Indiana State University, Dillard returns to his alma mater, James Madison University, to lead a talented program in which he once starred. He returns to campus not as a student nor as a parent — Dillard is an employee and an alum.

It's funny how life can throw a good curve ball. For most people, it serves as a guide, simply taking you from place to place. For Sherman Dillard, it has brought him home.

story by Seth Burton and
Steven M. Trout
photo by Dylan Boucherle



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Sherman Douglas
Dillard

born Sept. 1, 1955

1973-'78

Led JMU in scoring each of his four college seasons. Had a career scoring average of 20.7 points per game, the best mark in JMU history for a four-year player. Is second on the team's all-time scoring list with 2,065 points.

Was a member of two NCAA teams, and JMU compiled an overall record of 75-29 in his four seasons with the team.

1978

Graduated magna cum laude from JMU with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. Was a sixth-round draft choice of the Indiana Pacers.

1978-'79

Served as assistant coach at Lurel Park High School

1979-'85

Served as an assistant under "Lefty" Driesell at the University of Maryland. Made five NCAA Tournament appearances.

1985-'88

Served as an assistant under Lou Campanelli at the University of California. Made two National Invitational Tournament appearances.

1988-'94

Served as an assistant coach under Bobby Cremins at Georgia Tech University. Made a trip to the Final Four in 1990.

1994-'97

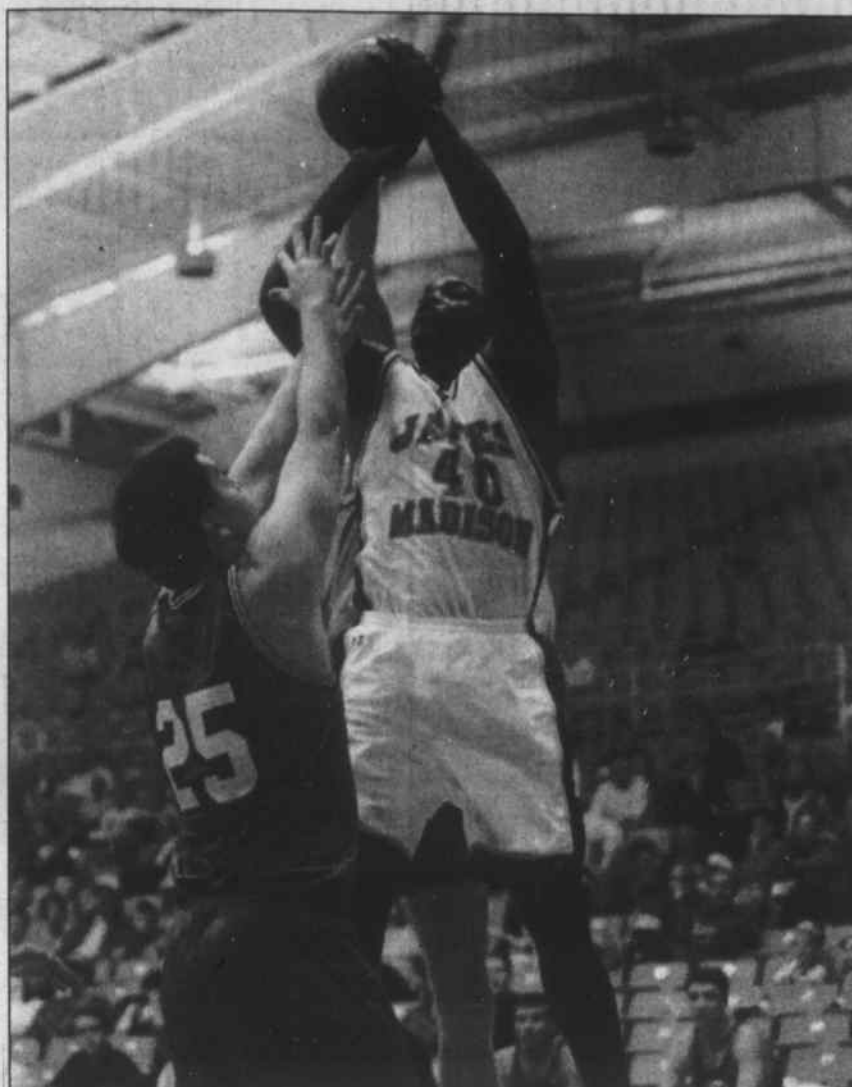
Served as head coach at Indiana State University. Had a three-year record of 29-52.

1997

Hired as JMU's head coach

The time is now . . .

With four returning starters and a wealth of young talent at his realm, Dillard finds himself in a unique situation for a new coach



With the loss of Milisa, Boozer and sophomore Rob Strickland will be forced to step up the low-post game. However, both Strickland and Howard are currently sidelined with a sprained ankle.

In two preseason games, Boozer has been impressive, nearly doubling his average amount of shots.

"It's a good sign that he is looking to score that much," Dillard said.

Fans should expect to see a fast, pressing defense which should play right into the strengths of Felton, Atkinson and sophomore guard Jamar Perry.

Perry has been the surprise of the preseason, raising the level of his game offensively and shouldering much of the scoring burden.

"It's been encouraging to see him shoot the ball that well," Dillard said about Perry.

Junior forward Fred Boyd and junior Kevan Johnson will see time in the front court, supplying a wealth of fresh legs for Dillard to throw at opposing teams in his trapping defensive schemes.

"We're going to press a lot more," Dillard said. "We're going to use multiple defenses."

Freshman Dwayne Braxton may be asked to contribute immediately, especially if nagging injuries continue to plague the Dukes throughout the

beginning of their schedule.

Braxton went for 10 points and six minutes in the Dukes' first scrimmage.

"Dwayne can give us that threat from the outside," Dillard said.

Two walk-ons join the team this season, and could provide the Dukes a deep threat if needed. Riley Trone, who transferred from George Mason University where he fired up threes for Paul Westhead's run-and-gun offense, has proven that he can sink the trey.

Freshman Mark DiCicco, who played at Madison High School in Vienna last season adds another body to the practice squad.

Seventy two percent of the Dukes' points return from last season, and under Dillard's high-paced offense,

There were misty eyes and disconsolate faces along the JMU bench moments after Old Dominion University eked out an overtime victory over the Dukes in the CAA Tournament Final last March.

But as the Dukes prepare for the 1997-'98 season, those tears have turned into a steely-eyed glint as JMU has their sights set on returning to the title game, and this time, finishing the job.

"The talent is there," men's assistant coach Chris Theobald said. "We have a lot of work to do."

Four starters return from last year's team. The Dukes projected CAA Player of the Year, Chatney Howard, hopes to lead the Dukes to the NCAA Tournament, a place they have not been since 1994.

The Dukes have experience in that department, however, as new coach Sherman Dillard was an integral part of two NCAA Tournament teams during his days as a player at JMU from 1974-'78.

"I am excited about the possibilities we have as a team," Dillard said.

Dillard brings an attacking style of play which highlights the slashing drives of senior forward Howard and junior Eugene Atkinson.

Senior Lamont Boozer said, "His style of play is totally different from last year, and that's something we're only going to benefit from."

Atkinson, a three year starter, was named to the CAA Tournament team in the Dukes remarkable run to the championship game last season.

While junior point guard Ned Felton is back to run Dillard's up-tempo offense, and senior center Lamont Boozer holds down the middle, the Dukes are without forward Mate Milisa, who did not rejoin the team.

"There was a chance he would have started for us," Dillard said. "But he had a situation where it was best for him to stay home [in Croatia]."



JMU should not have any trouble lighting up the scoreboard.

The key to the Dukes offense is Howard, of course, but when opposing defenses key on the 16.3 ppg scorer, Felton and Atkinson are more than capable of picking up the slack. Atkinson, Felton and Boozer have started together for all but several of JMU's last 40 games.

"Ned just keeps getting better each and every day," Dillard said. "He's making the smart decision at the end of those breaks."

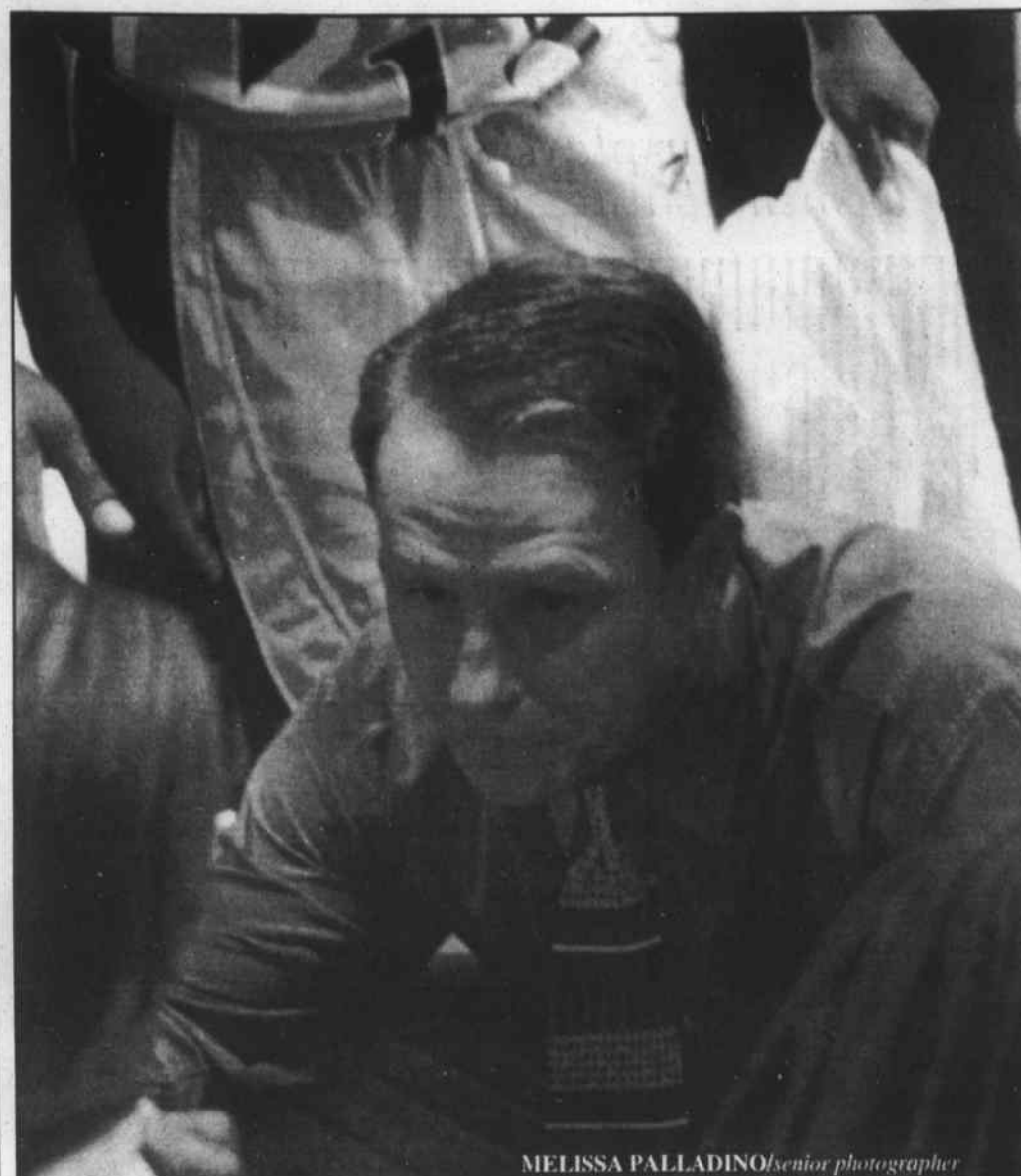
The Dukes are hoping junior guard James Pelham

will be able to contribute this season. Pelham missed all of last season due to knee surgery and is still undergoing rehabilitation. When he gets back, there will be a log-jam at the guard position, with a host of speedy, athletic guards chomping at the bit to fit into Dillard's frenzied offense.

The fast break will be a key element for JMU as they will be looking to run past conference opponents and into the NCAA's.

story by
Seth Burton

clockwise from upper left: Junior Fred Boyd elevates for a jump shot; sophomore Jamar Perry goes up for two points; senior Chatney Howard shows off perfect shooting form; junior Ned Felton shuts down the opposition at mid-court
Photos by Dylan Boucherle



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story by Steven M. Trout

Visit Curly's Barber Shop near Knox, Ind., and you'll be surprised at what you see — it ain't no ordinary barber shop. You see, Curly's serves as the hub of all local basketball. Players, coaches and fans — they all know about Curly's.

Take a look at the shop's walls, and it all becomes clear. For nearly 40 years, Curly has decorated his "office" with pictures of every local basketball team since he's been a barber.

Take a closer look and you'll find a squad from North Judson High School from the early 70s featuring, none other than, Bud Childers.

"Curly's been the barber there since I was three or four years old," Childers said. "I still go back once a year, and I always try and find [my picture]. It's still there on the wall."

It sounds like a Hollywood script: small farm boy returns home every year after making it big. Ironically, however, that is Childers' life.

Indiana memories

When most people think of Indiana basketball, they think of "Hoosiers" or Larry Bird. Although Childers wasn't in any movie, and he never played for the Celtics, he does share characteristics with both.

Like in the movie, he started playing basketball on a tire rim of a nailed up on a post in his back yard.

"I got my first real basket on a dirt court when I was about seven or eight years old," Childers said, "and basketball's been a big part of my life ever since."

Growing up in Indiana, how could it not be? Indiana basketball is a phenomenon. Entire towns will attend games. Entire towns shut down when the home team is in action. It's truly a wonder.

"Every game was a packed house in Indiana," Childers said. "You never played in front of a sparse crowd. Last one in the town, turn the lights out — we're going to the next town to play basketball."

"It seemed like every game was the biggest game of the year," he

said. "You were playing in front of fans that were very knowledgeable. You would hear the old guys saying 'well, I remember in '57 when we beat so-and-so . . . Those are the kinds of memories I have of basketball there.'"

Ask Childers what memories stick out and he is ready with a new story. He recalled the time his North Judson squad fell to South Bend St. Joe's.

"They beat us by about 15 points," he said. "The next day, the coach made us run about 35 suicides on Thanksgiving Day. It was tough back then, but it was fun playing in that environment."

From player to coach

To put it simply, Childers took a round-about way to a career in coaching basketball. Upon graduating from Charleston Southern University in 1979, Childers first resisted the idea of coaching. He had played both basketball and baseball in college and his real ambition was to play major league baseball.

"I bounced around after my senior year from tryout camp to tryout camp, major league city to major league city," he said. "I was a catcher and a shortstop. I was fast yet had a pretty good arm."

But because of an experimental surgery after a 1978 knee injury, no teams wanted to take a chance.

Too bad for baseball, a blessing in disguise for the basketball world.

So, with baseball out of the question, there was only one thing to do.

"I worked for a year in business and decided basketball was something I really wanted to get back into and started coaching," Childers said. "That's why I coach."

From Louisville to Harrisonburg

Childers left a Big-12 program where he won Coach of the Year honors and the hearts of thousands of fans to come to JMU. The natural question is "Why?"

But it's not that easy. According to Childers, there were some problems. "[The University of] Louisville was tremendous as far as reputation in basketball — men's basketball. Every day of the year was men's basketball, men's basketball, men's basketball. On the women's side, we weren't treated in the same vain. We were kind of the supplement program."

It was that mentality that drove Childers elsewhere. He said there was always something missing at Louisville. Not only was the support not completely there, the school, itself lacked something.

Louisville wasn't a traditional school. A vast minority of the students live on campus and most students have a full-time job in addition to their class load, he said.

"While [the lack of support] continued, [my family and I] were also experiencing some doubts about whether or not we wanted to live in an urban setting like we were," Childers said. "It was very difficult to have a traditional college environment."

The rest, they say, is history. After he was contacted by JMU, he came to visit the campus and fell in love with what he saw.

"It was almost like this was meant to happen," he said.

Coaching philosophy

Every coach has a philosophy, an individual approach he or she takes to the game. Childers is no different.

"It's not really a job," Childers said. "I always tell people, coaching to me is never a job. In the 18 years I've been a head coach, there's never been one day that I haven't wanted to get to the office or get to the gym. Even some of the most down moments in this business — when you lose a tough game or whatever — it's never been a situation where I've regretted getting to work."

"I'm usually the first person in the office in the morning and the last one to leave," he said. "To me, it's not a job. It's my life."

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Bud Childers
born March 18, 1956

1974-'75

Played basketball and baseball at Mississippi State University

1976-'78

Played basketball and baseball at Cumberland Junior College

1978-'79

Played basketball and baseball at Charleston Southern University.

1981-'83

Served as head coach at Cumberland Junior College. Compiled a 49-10 record and was NJCAA runner-up in 1983.

1983-'84

Served as head coach at the University of Montevallo. Compiled at 15-13.

1984-'89

Served as head coach at Murray State University. Compiled a 82-63 record and made a trip to the National Women's Invitational Tournament

1989-'97

Served as head coach of the University of Louisville. Compiled a 152-88 record. Made three trips to the NCAA Tournament. Tied for the regular-season title in the Conference USA (1997).

Was named 1997 Conference USA Coach of the Year.

1997

Hired as head coach of the JMU women's team.

Dukes hope change means success

Will a new coach, a new system and a horde of new players translate into prestige and prominence for the women's basketball team?

story by Steven M. Trout

photos by Dylan Boucherle and Melissa Palladino

What do the women's basketball team at JMU and the Chicago Bulls have in common? At first glance, most people would say — besides both teams playing basketball — absolutely nothing. Take a closer look, however, and you'll see some glaring similarities.

First and foremost, they both run the triangle offense, a strategy revolving around a constantly-mobile three-person set.

"The triangle offense is probably the most difficult offense to run," women's head coach Bud Childers said. "That's why only five or six [other coaches] out there are trying it."

The natural response, then, is two fold. First, if it's so hard, why run it? And, secondly, what can the fans expect to see?

According to Childers, the answer to the first question lies in the personnel. "I've always believed you have to try to do the best with what you've got," he said. "Don't try and make players do what they aren't capable of doing. Put them in situations where they can utilize their talents."

And that's the goal of this strategy — take what you have and build your system around it. The Bulls did that with Michael Jordan and it translated into five world championships in seven years.

The Dukes, however, don't have Michael Jordan. Can this system produce the same relative success for the players in purple and gold?

"Obviously, we don't have a veteran experienced scorer, but we're trying to develop someone like that in practice," Childers said. "I think we've got some players here that can do some nice things in our system."

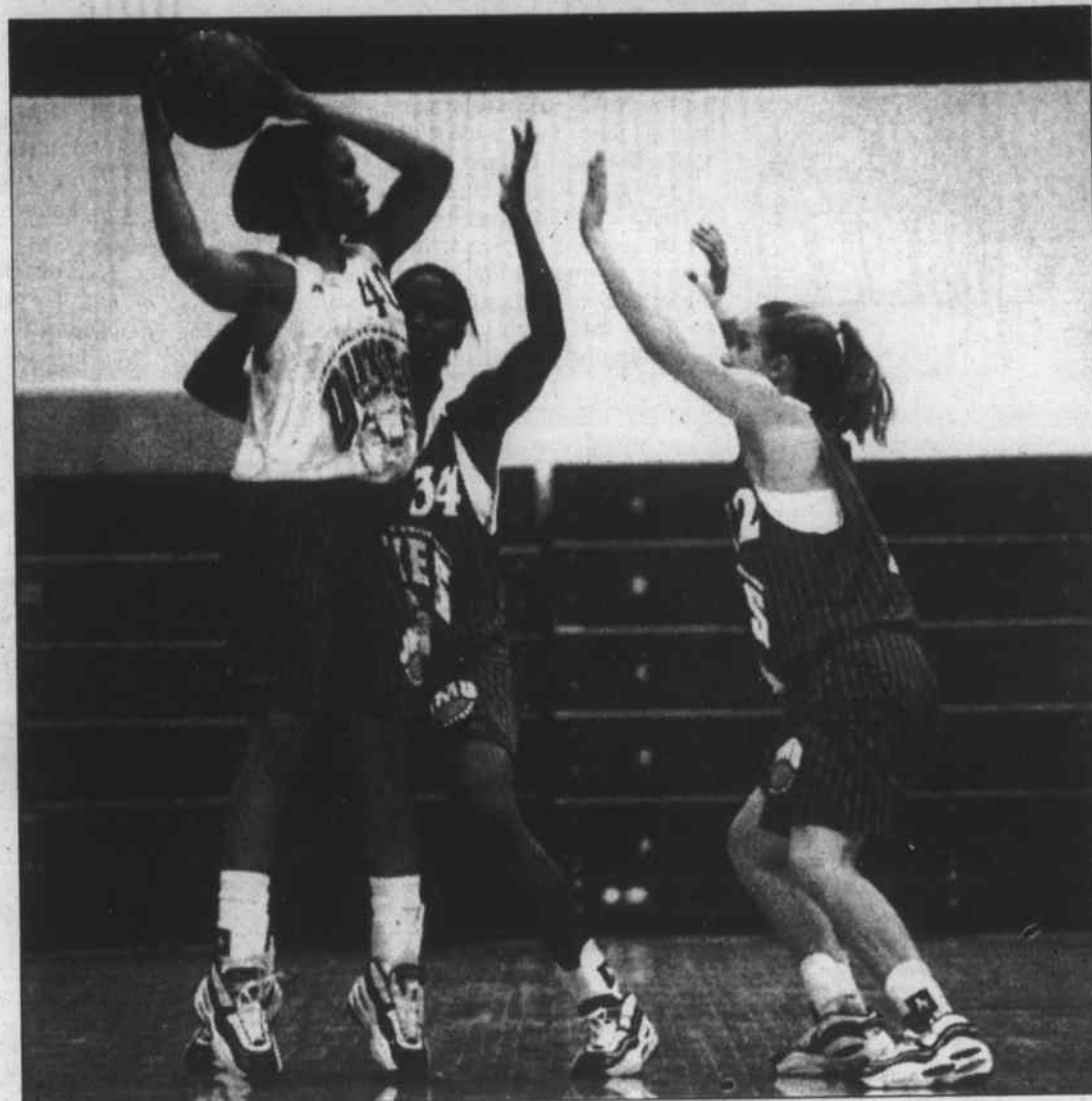
Secondly, as fans, what can we expect from this new system?

"Our normal style of play over the years has been a very aggressive, defensive style," Childers said. "[We'll run] a varied offensive style where we balance between a strong inside game and a good repertoire of three-point opportunities."

The stage is set, then, for the 1997-'98 season. It's now time to bring in the actors. For coach Childers only one word can describe his players: young. Of the 15 roster members, six are juniors, three are sophomores and five are freshmen. The lone senior on the squad is Nyesha Basey.

"We have 15 people on the roster," Childers said, "and to me they're all freshman."

With such a young team playing under a brand new system the Dukes could be in for the long haul in the CAA. They're picked to finish sixth in



the conference, but that doesn't mean much to the players.

"It's our job to prove them wrong," junior guard-forward Kish Jordan said. "I'm pretty sure we're going to shock a lot of people because they think we haven't adjusted to the new coach. We know we'll be in the top two or three [in the CAA]."

As for the team's strength, Childers said he believes the "freshness" of his new system will allow for some great strategy.

"The strength of this team is we're going to be able to throw a lot of people at you that are similar," Childers said. "The fans will see us use the bench quite a bit."

"I've never been a coach that believed in starters and subs. I believe there are players that begin the game, players that get you through the middle of the game, and you got people that get you through the end of the game."

So, all that's left is the season, itself. What will the coming months bring?

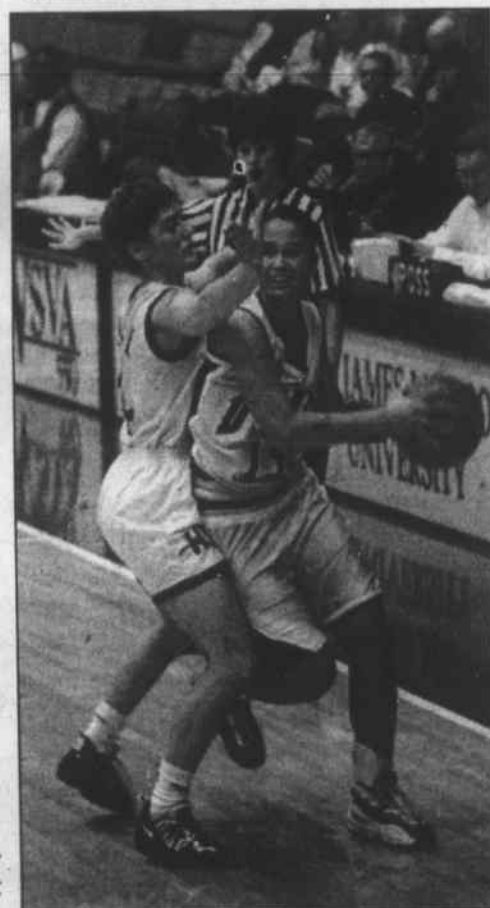
No one is quite sure, but there seems to be one overwhelming sentiment among the participants.

All of the players are in this together. They know what lies ahead and they know what's expected of them.

Sure, there are a lot of questions surrounding such a new system, but these players have some answers up their sleeve.

"This team has a lot of heart," freshman Kia Cole said. "We'll surprise a lot of people."

Clockwise from top : Junior Hope Cook looks to pass against a trap. Cook averaged 9.7 points per game last season.; sophomore Misty Colebank attacks against tough defensive pressure. Colebank dished off for 61 assists in 1996-'97.; junior Kish Jordan rushes up-court with the ball.



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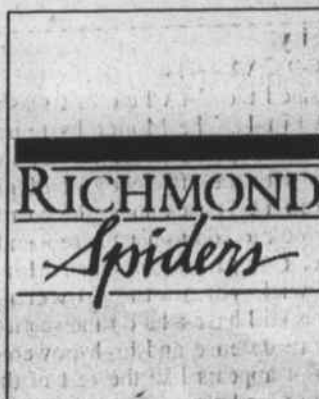


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Men's Predictions



1. James Madison University
1996-'97: 16-13 overall, 8-8 CAA — 5th
Outlook: Sure, the Dukes fired one of the winningest coaches in NCAA history when they let go of Lefty Driesell, but the Dukes return four starters from a team that was only seconds away from a CAA championship last season. New coach **Sherman Dillard** inherits the pre-season CAA Player of the Year **Chatney Howard**, and the ultra-quick backcourt of **Ned Felton** and **Eugene Atkinson**. For the Dukes to hold off the rest of the field, they will need senior **Lamont Boozer** to improve on his 9.8 points per game. Look for sophomore guard **Jamar Perry** to have a break-out season and help JMU offensively. If **Rob Strickland** can provide rebounding help, watch out for the Dukes.



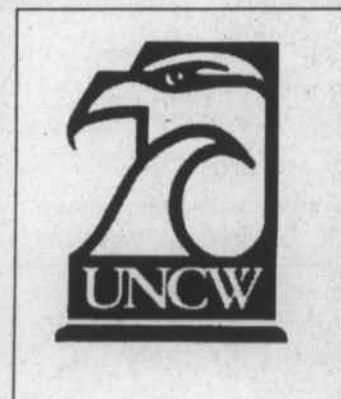
6. University of Richmond
1996-'97: 13-15 overall, 7-9 CAA — 7th
Outlook: **John Beilein** takes over a team that returns four starters, plus the 1996 CAA Rookie of the Year in **Marseilles Brown**. With a frontcourt including the CAA's leading rebounder in **Eric Poole** and leading returning scorer **Jarod Stevenson**, don't be surprised if the Spiders vault into the upper echelon of the CAA. **Brown** and senior **Carlos Cueto** will battle for the point guard position, while senior **Daryl Oliver** and junior **Jonathan Baker** will vie for time at the two spot. The Spiders face one of the most difficult schedules in the CAA, as they match-up against UVA, Wake Forest and North Carolina. Look for their harrowing early-season schedule to make the Spiders tough in February.



2. Old Dominion University
1996-'97: 22-11 overall, 10-6 CAA — 1st
Outlook: The Monarchs return four starters from last season's CAA Championship team, but ODU will be hurt more by the one player they won't have, last season's CAA Player of the Year **Odell Hodge**. The Monarchs are led by senior **Brion Dunlop**, perhaps the best point guard in the conference. With **Hodge** out of the mix, **Dunlop** will have to score more to add to his 5.7 assists per game. The Monarchs biggest question mark is their bench, as fourth year coach **Jeff Capel** will turn to JUCO transfer **Curtis Pass** and freshman **Michael Williams**. **Mark Poag** and **Mike Byers** are the Monarchs' returning leading scorers with 11.5 points per game. If the Dukes falter, ODU will be waiting to step up.



7. The College of William & Mary
1996-'97: 12-16 overall, 8-8 CAA — 6th
Outlook: After getting off to a 4-10 start last season, the Tribe rallied to finish 12-16 and made a strong showing in the CAA Tournament. Three starters from last seasons team return, including pre-season All-CAA guard **Randy Bracy**. **Bracy** averaged 22.3 points over the last six games of the season and will be expected to lead the Tribe in scoring once again. Senior **Terence Jennings**, who averaged 10.8 points per game last season, joins **Bracy** in the backcourt. Senior **David Grabuloff** and junior **Jermaine Harmon** will anchor the W&M front court. **Harmon** snagged almost five rebounds a game in limited action last season. When **Bracy** is on from long-range, the Tribe can beat anyone in the CAA.



3. UNC Wilmington
1996-'97: 16-14 overall, 10-6 CAA — 2nd
Outlook: CAA Coach of the Year **Jerry Wainwright** should be looking forward to this season. After playing tough in the CAA Tournament, the back-court of junior **Stan Simmons** and senior **Mark Byington** will look to propel the Seahawks to new heights. **Simmons** is the teams returning leading scorer, but he will need to improve upon his 11.8 points per game for UNCW to take home CAA honors. Senior **Keith Spencer** and junior **Oleg Kojenets** give the Seahawks a solid frontcourt to anchor a team that will feature an athletic, attacking defense. If the ball bounces the right way in this tight conference race, it would be no surprise for the Seahawks to wind up on top.



8. American University
1996-'97: 11-16 overall, 7-9 CAA — 8th
Outlook: Sure, we have the Eagles pegged for another eighth place finish, but believe us when we saw American is dangerous. Senior **Nathan Smith** is lethal from behind the three-point line, as he is AU's all-time leading three-point shooter and among the best in the nation. If junior **Matt Brown** can recover the form that made him the 1994 CAA Rookie of the Year, the Eagles will give a lot of teams headaches. **Jarion Childs**, selected to the CAA All-Rookie Team last season, will be pressed hard by sophomore transfer **Ossie Jones**. The 6-5 **Jones** will create a match-up nightmare for some teams at the point. New coach **Art Perry** will try to help the Eagles soar with the rest of the CAA.



4. Virginia Commonwealth University
1996-'97: 14-13 overall, 9-7 CAA — 4th
Outlook: **Sonny Smith** brings one of the most highly ranked recruiting classes in the country to Richmond. Injuries plague the Rams backcourt, as freshman **LaMar Taylor** will not see action until January and freshman **Scott Lilly** injured his knee in pre-season practice. Freshman **Hunter Hoggatt** may be forced into action with senior **Melvin Drake**, who started all 11 games last season for the Rams. If freshman and JUCO transfers **Bootsy Thornton** and **Major Carmon** step up, the Rams will make a lot of noise in the CAA. **Smith** has two starters returning in senior **Torrance Archie** and sophomore all-rookie pick **Simon Moore**. 6-9 senior **Mylo Brooks** fills in at the pivot with the explosive **Brian Williams**.



9. George Mason University
1996-'97: 10-17 overall, 4-12 CAA — 9th
Outlook: The Patriots have a new coach, almost all new players, and hopefully for them, a new attitude. Only junior **Nik Mirich** has been at GMU for more than two seasons. Coach **Jim Larranaga** is running the show now and will have senior **Avery Carey** to take most of the Patriots big shots. The Patriots leading scorer from last season, **Demetrius Somerville** needs to recover from an off-season leg injury if the Patriots are to be competitive. All-rookie pick **Ahmad Dorsett** will need to step up in the backcourt for GMU to end their streak of six straight first round CAA Tournament losses. Owners of one of the nicest arenas in the league, don't look for GMU to decorate it with banners soon.



5. East Carolina University
1996-'97: 17-10 overall, 9-7 CAA — 3rd
Outlook: With a double-overtime shocker, the Dukes put an end to the Pirates best CAA season in school history last year. The Pirates return only two starters from last years' team, but they are supplemented by a heralded freshman class. Seniors **Tony Parham** and **Othello Meadows** lead what may be the strongest backcourt in the league. **Meadows** is a career 42.9 shooter from behind the three-point stripe, while senior **Raphael Edwards**, the team's leading scorer with 13.2 points per game, returns. 290-pound **Dink Peters** takes up a lot of space under the boards, but it is his 8.7 points per game and 5.6 rebounds that makes him valuable. Barring injuries, this could be a break-out year for ECU.

Breeze Preseason Honor Roll

First Team All-CAA

Center: **Eric Poole**, UR
Forward: **Torrance Archer**, VCU
Forward: **Chatney Howard**, JMU
Guard: **Randy Bracy**, W&M
Guard: **Brion Dunlap**, ODU

Second Team All-CAA

Center: **Lamont Boozer**, JMU
Forward: **Dink Peters**, ECU
Forward: **Eugene Atkinson**, JMU
Guard: **Nathan Smith**, AU
Guard: **Othello Meadows**, ECU

Player of the Year: **Chatney Howard**, JMU
Coach of the Year: **John Beilein**, UR
Newcomer of the Year: **Rick Houston**, UR

Men's and Women's predictions by Seth Burton



Association Preview



1. Old Dominion University

1996-'97: 34-2 overall, 16-0 CAA — 1st

Outlook: The Monarchs crushed the CAA field last season in advancing to the NCAA Finals. The Monarchs return **Ticha Penicheiro** at the point guard position, as she dissected opposing defenses with the efficiency of Magic Johnson last season. **Nyree Roberts** is back under the boards for the Monarchs as she will look to add to her 8.0 rebounds and 17.0 points per game. 6-0 junior forward **Mery Andrade** provides ODU with yet another towering presence in the paint, as teams will have a hard time scoring against the Monarchs pressure defense and high-powered offensive attack. Once again, it appears like the rest of the conference will be playing for second place.



6. University of Richmond

1996-'97: 16-11 overall, 10-6 CAA — 3rd

Outlook: The Spiders are banking that their high-pressure attack will lead to them a bit farther into the post-season than last year's disappointing 76-66 quarterfinal loss to ECU. Senior forward **Jennifer Meade** is the Spiders main offensive threat, averaging 14.4 points per game and 5.4 rebounds. Sharp-shooting junior guard **Michelle Florin**, (11.1 points per game) will insure defenses will not collapse on Meade, while senior guard **C. Detollenaere** needs to improve upon her 9.0 points per game last season for the Spiders to defeat conference foes. If the freshman and newcomers are able to blend into the system, the Spiders could be a handful for opposing teams.



2. American University

1995-'96: 18-9 overall, 11-5 CAA — 2nd

Outlook: Eagles senior forward **Mary Klima** must be frustrated, arguably the best player in the league not on ODU. Klima averaged 15.5 points per game and 8.8 rebounds last season while leading the Eagles to a second place league finish. With the parity in the league underneath the Monarchs, Klima will need to be stellar again if the Eagles are going to maintain their second place perch. Getting the ball to Klima will be an experienced backcourt consisting of juniors **Nicole Grant** and **Kari Haskins**. Haskins averaged 11.9 points and 4.9 rebounds per game last season and will need to improve on that for the Eagles to pick up some wins in their tough out-of-conference schedule.



7. The College of William & Mary

1996-'97: 7-20 overall, 3-13 CAA — 9th

Outlook: Coach **Trina Patterson** and her Tribe would like to forget last season's disappointing ninth place finish. Ten players return, including three starters to try to correct things. Junior **Julie Sommer** leads the way at the point position, and she will have quite a few offensive weapons to dish to. Senior guard **Cynthia Kelly** has some nice moves on the offensive end, as she averaged 8.0 points per game last season. The Tribe's biggest weakness is post play, as they are on of the shortest teams in the league. Junior guard **Katie Averyt** averaged 5.8 points per game last season and 3.2 rebounds, but will depended on to do a lot more. Patterson is hoping that her teams experience will be worth a few wins.



3. Virginia Commonwealth University

1996-'97: 13-15 overall, 5-11 CAA — 7th

Outlook: Virginia Commonwealth returns one of the deepest and most experienced teams in the CAA. Four starters return from last year's team that advanced to the CAA semi-finals. Second year coach **David Glass** is confident in his depth to get the Rams through the season. The Rams will rely on transfer **Maria Rasmussen** to help out a front court anchored by 6-6 junior **Mona Karlsson**. Senior forward **Chevette Waller** is back at the forward slot and ready to improve on her team leading 12.9 points per game. **Meredith Sisson** provides a deft shooting touch and experience at the point guard slot, as she was the team's second leading scorer with 12.7 points per game last year.



8. George Mason University

1996-'97: 15-12 overall, 8-8 CAA — 5th

Outlook: Coach **Jim Lewis** is expecting a lot out of his Patriots this season, and he is hoping senior guard **Krista Jay** will be able to deliver. Jay led the Patriots with a 15.0 points per game average, while grabbing 4.1 rebounds. **Kristen Alexander**, a sophomore guard who poured in an average of 14.9 points per game, is eagle-eyed from the outside. Lewis is counting on 6-0 junior forward **Jasmine Goffe** to raise her play to the next level. The Patriots face a tough early schedule, traveling to Georgetown and hosting Seton Hall, but if their bench provides the necessary scoring punch, the Patriots could give the league trouble and prove the prognosticators, (me, for one) wrong.



4. James Madison University

1996-'97: 19-9 overall, 9-7 CAA — 4th

Outlook: New coach **Bud Childers** inherits a young team, but one that is athletic and will play an exciting up-beat style, not to mention shoot the three. It may take a while for the Dukes to become adjusted to Childers triangle offense, but one they do, they could do some damage. **Nyesha Basey** is the lone JMU senior and should provide stability in the backcourt. Look for point guard **Misty Colebank** to avoid the sophomore slump and improve upon last season's All-Rookie Team nomination. The Dukes are a bit under-sized when it comes to height, as 6-2 **Akousa Demann** and 5-11 **Manika Herring** will bang down low for rebounds. If the younger players adjust, the CAA will need to fear the Dukes.



9. UNC Wilmington

1996-'97: 11-16 overall, 4-12 CAA — 8th

Outlook: The Seahawks were the most improved team in the league last season, and they will look to improve on that finish with four starters returning. Unfortunately, the overall strength of the CAA may leave the Seahawks barely keeping their heads above water. The Seahawks lose only one letterwinner from last years squad, with undersized 5-11 center **Christy Gambill** leading the pack. She brings her 9.0 points per game scoring average to the table, as well as a tenacious 8.0 rebounds per game. Coach **Bernie Flax** will use his bench and count on the Seahawks' extraordinary depth to wear opponents down. It could be another long season for Seahawks fans.

Breeze Preseason Honor Roll

First Team All-CAA

Center: Nyree Roberts, ODU
Forward: Jennifer Meade, UR
Forward: Mary Klima, AU
Guard: Patricia Penicheiro, ODU
Guard: Krista Jay, GMU

Second Team All-CAA

Center: Jen Cox, ECU
Forward: Mery Andrade, ODU
Forward: Chevette Waller, VCU
Guard: Mistiza Colebank, JMU
Guard: Julie Sommer, W&M

Player of the Year: Patricia Penicheiro, ODU
Coach of the Year: Bud Childers, JMU
Newcomer of the Year: Kia Cole, JMU

Three Jacks AND AN EARL

by Keith Feigenbaum
contributing writer

What do you get when you put three jack's and an earl in a room together? A royal court? On basketball game nights for the past 15 years at JMU's Convocation Center, the answer has been an outstanding scorer's table crew consisting of Harrisonburg residents Jack Cavanaugh, Jack Hale, Jack Smith and Earl Shirkey.

Though these four men preside over the Dukes' home games in a noble manner, they're not the royal types. Rather, these three Harrisonburg educators (the Jacks) and the retired banker (the Earl) have served as announcers, scorekeepers and scoreboard and shot clock operators, respectively, since the inception of the Convocation Center in 1982. This "Fab Four" also renders its services at JMU football games.

Along the way, individually and as a group, they have endured a heart attack, a change of venue (from Godwin Gym to the Convocation Center), and the many stresses that go hand-in-hand with Division I athletic contests. In essence, these four remarkably dedicated men are the "deans" of JMU basketball, as nary a point nor a tick of the clock has eluded the entire group since the Convocation Center's doors opened.

Each man has his own unique story but, first and foremost, Cavanaugh, Smith, Hale and Shirkey are a team — and an efficient one, at that — feeding off one another's love of athletics and the friendship they've developed, whether during the heart of a one-point game or at a post-game get-together with their families.

"I really care for these guys," said a sincere Smith, who works the scorebook. "We're all friends, and we work well together. We really enjoy doing it together, and we've gotten a certain amount of recognition among the officials as one of the better [scor-

er's] tables around. So we take pride in that, too."

Much like the officials, this group is at its best when unnoticed. That is, any attention drawn to them during the game (with the exception of the announcer, Cavanaugh) most likely would result from a crucial error. Consequently, this group's attention comes after the games.

"People often stop us and say, 'Hey, don't you work at the basketball games?'" Smith said. Not exactly the stuff stardom is made of, but it's always nice to be recognized and appreciated.

Smith, a teacher at Harrisonburg Middle School, first delved into the world of scorekeeping at Harrisonburg High School nearly 20 years ago, a year before Cavanaugh became HHS's announcer. After a short stint there, he moved up to JMU, which then housed a Division II basketball program.

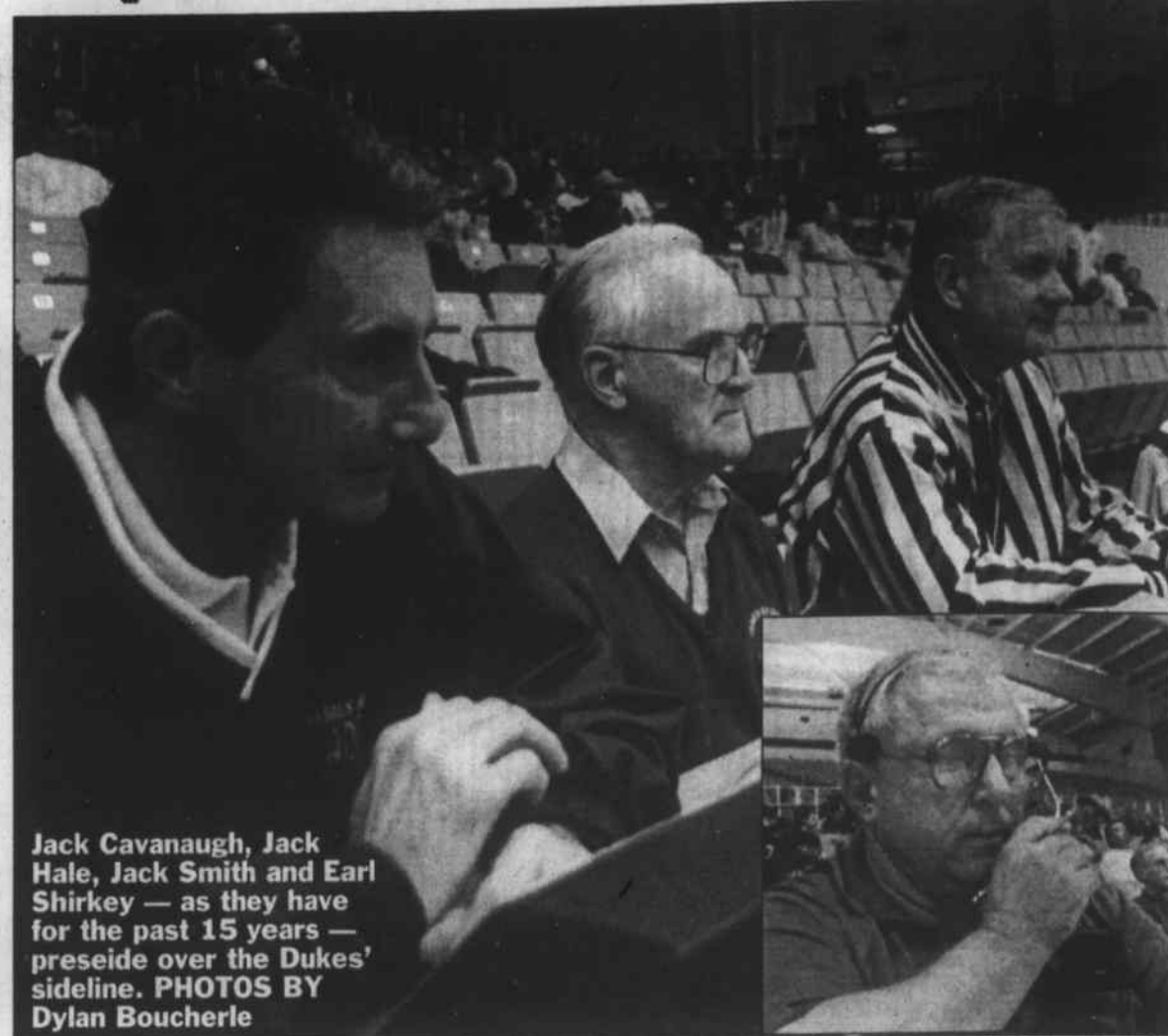
"I had done some table work for Harrisonburg High School," Smith said. "It was during this time that they decided to go with a fulltime crew [at JMU]. And we've stuck. There's been no turnover [though Hale didn't join the crew until 1985 with the inception of the shot clock]."

In addition to the men's basketball and football games — the group's original realm — women's basketball games were added to their duties in 1986.

And these are duties Smith relishes for their challenge, excitement and the intense atmosphere that inherently pervades athletics.

"There's quite a bit of intensity down there on the floor," he said. "There's a huge amount of tension, especially in a game where you've got a full house and a close game; [there's] a lot on the line. Of course, most of us have been in sports all of our lives and begin to thrive in that."

Easy? No way. Enjoyable? You bet. What better way to enjoy the camaraderie of sports



Jack Cavanaugh, Jack Hale, Jack Smith and Earl Shirkey — as they have for the past 15 years — preside over the Dukes' sideline. PHOTOS BY Dylan Boucherle

and friends than in the haven of collegiate athletics? Sounds like a commercial for the NCAA, but, on the outside at least, it's a pure scene, and the "Fab Four" thrives on it.

Hale, the least experienced member of the group, is in his 11th year as shot clock operator. Like his colleagues, he works at HHS as a teacher and coach. Unlike his counterparts, Hale got his start upon the urging of friends, namely Cavanaugh, Smith and Shirkey.

"The other guys asked me about joining, and that was it," Hale said.

For Hale, the choice was academic — there was no better way to stay close to a game he loves.

"I wanted to stay close to the game," he said. In return for his services, he got front-row seats.

A retired banker, Shirkey is the only member of the venerable group never employed by the Harrisonburg School System, but he became involved with the high school's basketball scorer's table in 1946.

Shirkey, like Smith, has been around as long as JMU basketball — since 1968. With the commencement of the program, there was no on-campus arena. At the time, Shirkey was in his 22nd year working HHS games. He was then brought on to work the JMU games played in the HHS gym, and the rest is history.

"I was doing the high school games," he said. "And that's how I started doing the men's games at JMU. In 1972 they built Godwin [Gym]. In 1982

they built the Convocation Center. And I just kept moving up with them. So I've been doing the men's games since about 1968."

Shirkey enjoyed managing the clock and scoreboard so much that his afternoon and evening hobby has become a 51-year hobby. He's endured, and even accepts, the stress involved, except for a heart attack that sidelined him in 1991.

"In 1991 I had a heart attack," he states matter-of-factly. "When I came out of the hospital they were talking to me and they said, 'We don't want you to drive for a month.' And I said, 'Why don't you want me to drive?' And they said, 'We don't want you to run into a situation where you might get too excited or be put under stress.' I said, 'How about keepin' score at a college basketball game?'"

Needless to say, the heart attack barely sidelined him for two months.

"It is stressful, but a little bit of stress in your life I think is good," he said. "It's when stress becomes distress that I think you have a problem."

Judging by the fact that he is still at all Dukes' home games and going strong, distress does not seem to be a problem for Shirkey.

The most conspicuous member of the scorer's table crew is the announcer, Cavanaugh — "the Golden Throat," according to Smith. Cavanaugh is a one-time teacher and principal at HHS. Currently, he is Supervisor of

Student Services and Special Programs for the school system. He got his start as a public address announcer for HHS and JMU football games.

Save for a brief hiatus to spend more time with his family, Cavanaugh, too, has been at the microphone for the duration of the basketball program.

"I love sports in general," he said. "I really enjoy all sports and [announcing] gives me an opportunity to watch young people develop. It's really a lot of fun for me."

According to Cavanaugh, his main goal as an announcer is to make the fans feel comfortable at the games. He does this by attempting to "get the fans involved" during the introductions of the lineups, attempting to add to the home-court advantage.

"To have the crowd behind you, that's the sixth man on the court," he said. "That's all part of it."

Essentially, Cavanaugh is the crowd's informant (he announces fouls, who scored, and other general information) and he is cautious not to exceed that characterization. Still, he said laughingly, "I try to be a little more enthusiastic when [JMU] scores a basket."

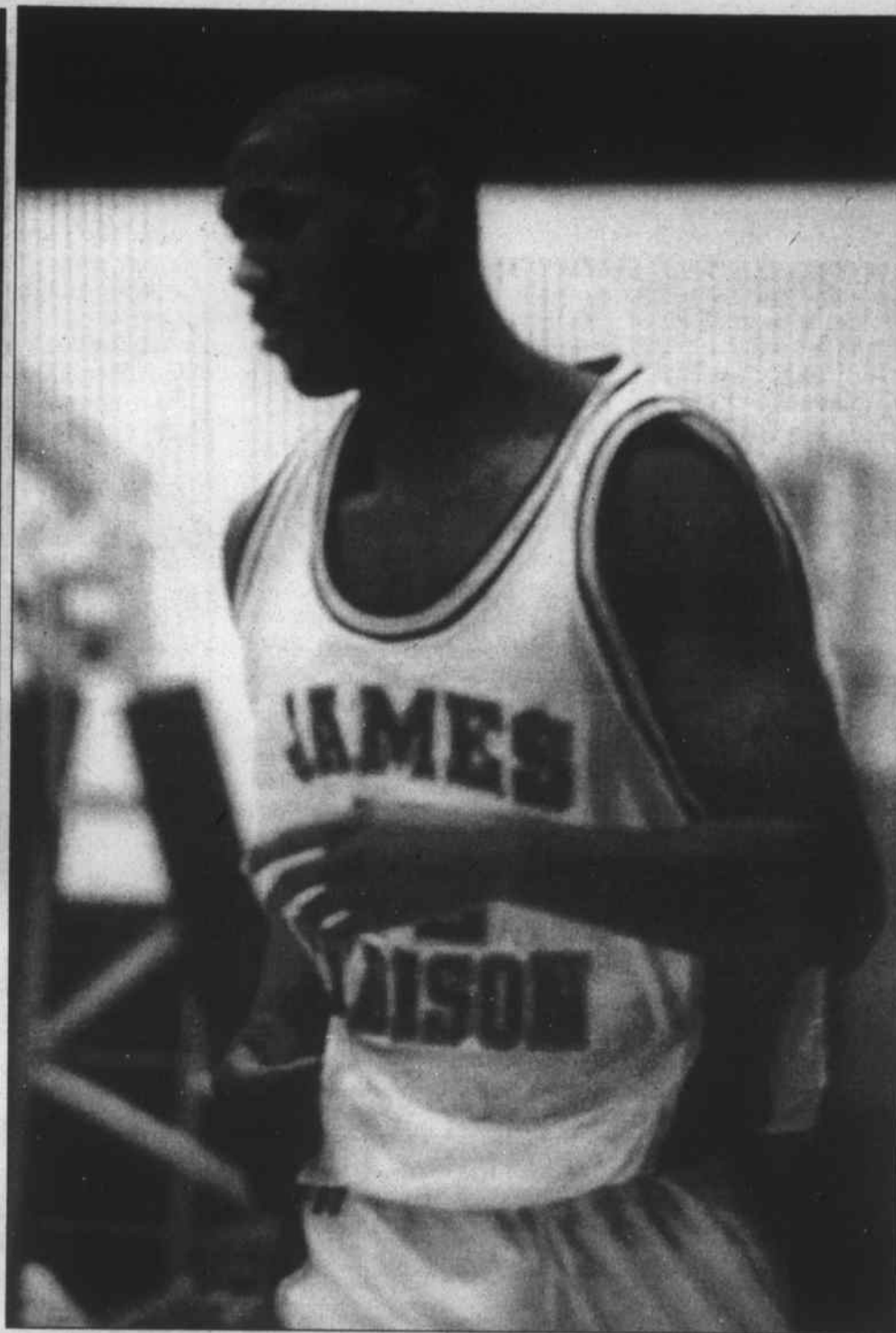
It's not every day one goes to a basketball game and there's more than two teams present. JMU is unique in that it puts two great teams in the arena with every jump ball: the Dukes and Cavanaugh, Hale, Smith and Shirkey.

"We're a team and we couldn't do this if we weren't," Cavanaugh said.



Boozer & Howard

the leaders of the pack



As a new season of JMU men's basketball approaches, the captains of the team want one thing. They did not say they needed new uniforms or better team unity.

"Make the Zoo Cage bigger!" senior captain Lamont Boozer said. "We love the Zoo Cage . . . and don't charge for that, just give everybody in it free T-shirts."

His co-captain, senior Chatney Howard nodded along in agreement.

Although they said the Zoo Cage adds some much needed excitement to the audience, their team is already boosting the energy of play to another level.

"We are pushing up-tempo basketball," head coach Sherman Dillard said. "It is a trend in the '90s . . . if you survey the teams now like [University of] Kentucky and [University of] Arizona, this type of play characterizes these teams."

The type of system Dillard is instituting is a fast-break type of system where he said athletes feel less restricted to make a play.

For Boozer and Howard, the oldest members on the team, this transition could have been difficult.

Dillard said, "That was also an assumption that I made, but it was never a problem. We feel like Chatney and Lamont have the physical attributes

that will make them flourish in our system."

Not to mention that this quicker game seems more fun for both players and fans.

For Boozer and Howard alike, the season has already proven to be one the fans can be excited about.

In the first exhibition game against Team Champions, Boozer raked up 12 rebounds and 23 points. Howard managed to score 13 points, playing only 12 minutes of the game and is already predicted to be the CAA Player of the Year.

"Both could have great years — they've worked hard during preseason, worked hard this summer and in practice," assistant coach Chris Theobald said. "Those two guys are our best players right now, but other teams are going to key toward them.

They are going to have to take a different role and create situations for everyone else."

That does not seem too hard for either Boozer or Howard, who both say they lead by example rather than by voice. For them, respect is a major aspect of leading their team to success.

Boozer said, "Everybody respects everyone, it isn't just our team. When someone says something needs to be done, we've been here long enough to know to get it done."

Theobald agrees that Boozer and Howard set the example and because the team respects them, the team follows.

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Chris Theobald
JMU men's assistant coach

The two captains, however, are no strangers to leading by example and earning respect from teammates.

Center/forward Boozer has accumulated 389 career rebounds with the Dukes, and last year, scored in double figures 12 times. Not only was he a star basketball player in high school at Rock

Hill, S.C., but he also was recruited to play football as a tight end. He said he always played football first, but he eventually grew a relentless love for basketball.

Howard said he was "born into the sport" and grew up playing against his brothers. He transferred to JMU from Alleghany Community College, where he shot 63.9 percent as a sophomore and led the team to a 32-4 record.

Boozer and Howard have high goals that will continue to drive their performance. Look for the two captains to guide the team to post-season success.

As far as details are concerned, both are out to prove that this team has what it takes to win the CAA championship.

Will it be a disappointment should the Dukes fall short of this goal? No one knows. For now though, only the upcoming season looms ahead.

Boozer said, "We are entertaining, and people should come out and support and just see how hard we can work."

story by R.C. Woodall

top left: senior Chatney Howard gets a breather during practice. top right: senior Lamont Boozer warms up. photos by DYLAN BOUCHERLE

Granted, with a new season comes new expectations for all players but Nyesha Basey's in a boat all to herself.

Basey is the only senior on a women's team boasting five freshmen. Lamont Boozer and Chatney Howard will share seniority leadership roles on the men's side. But as for Basey, she's all alone.

Basey deserves credit for having a positive attitude for the upcoming season. It would be easy for someone in her position to throw in the towel. She's had to work her way back from reconstructive knee surgery two years ago, and now, in her final season of college basketball, has to learn a completely new system.

Such ingredients make for a busy senior year. With time management a must for student-athletes, Basey knows how to balance her life. Not only does she have the classwork and the practice schedules, she also has a two-year-old daughter, Kieera.

It's this motherly intuition that even carries into the locker room. Basey's teammates love it and fight to take advantage of her seniority.

"She's kind of like our mom," junior Kish Jordan said. "She's someone we can turn and talk to."

As for basketball, Basey is excited about the new regime and her new,

assumed leadership role. "I'm really looking forward to it," she said. "I'm consciously thinking about it. My teammates look up to me because I'm a senior, even though I come off of the bench."

Head Coach Bud Childers understands Basey's position and appreciates her commitment. He said, "She's been very willing to learn the new system — that's not easy for a senior to go through."

Basey thinks the new, up-tempo style Childers plans to install will only help her. It's the same style she played in high school.

"I feel more involved in the program," she said. "[The coaches] utilize my strengths, try to better my weaknesses," Basey said.

Basey suffered knee injury in February of her sophomore year. She said, "I'm not concerned, but some days it's more stretched than others. Some days it sets me back, but I haven't had difficulty with the surgery."

In essence, with Childers' arrival, everyone started over. That makes Basey's seniority that much more important.

"She's a nice addition," Childers said. "She works hard every day. She shows good leadership and has shown good improvements in all areas of her game."

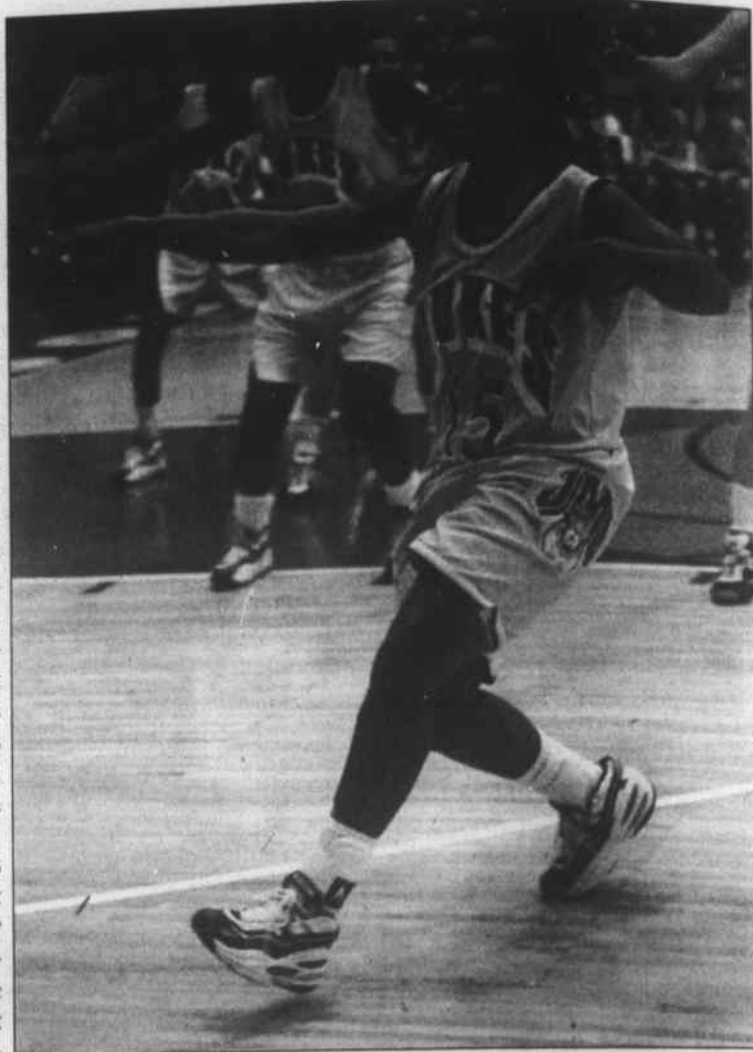
Before the Dukes can set their sights on CAA favorite ODU, they must first become comfortable with each other. Good chemistry will take some time.

"This is such an unusual team," he said. "There's a new coach, only one senior, five freshmen. [The youth] is not a concern because in essence all the players are new. Their roles are different than last year. It's not as important this year as it would be [if the situation was different.]"

So what has been the biggest adjustment for Basey? Her leadership role is the most obvious, but Basey had a different answer.

"Conditioning has been my biggest adjustment," she said. "We're going to run a lot more than we did last year."

The Dukes plans to do a lot more



MELISSA PALLADINO/senior photographer

As the squad's lone senior, guard Nyesha Basey brings leadership and invaluable experience to a young team.

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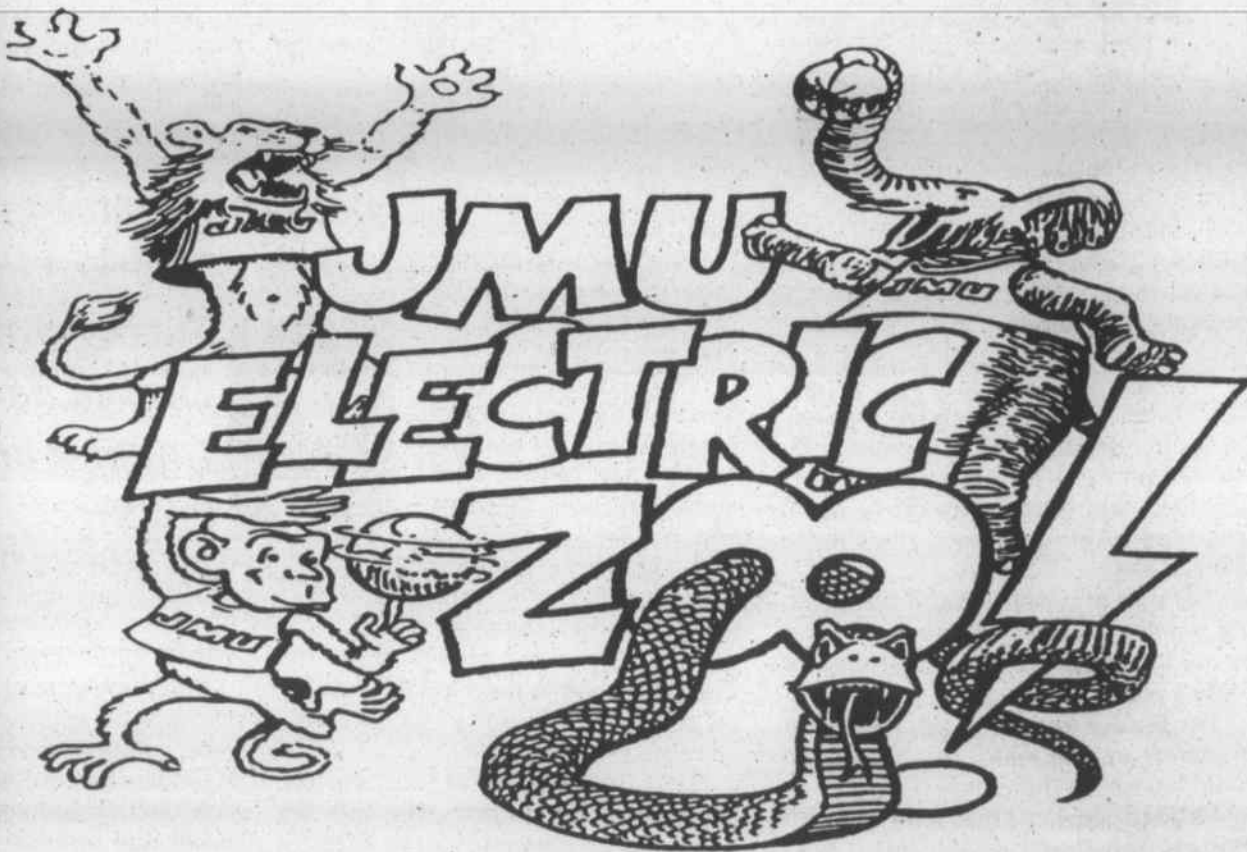
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Colebanking On Victories

Sophomore point guard assumes starting role, looks to lead the Dukes to post-season prominence in upcoming season

by Nick Langridge
contributing writer

Starting off as a child, she played in pick-up games on playgrounds near her home in Virginia Beach. Last summer she lived on the road — working camps and competing in summer leagues. She manipulates defenses, creates shots and commits herself to learning the game inside and out. For Misty Colebank, basketball is life.

As a freshman last season, Colebank took over for an injured Hope Cook, came up big against programs like George Mason University, the University of Minnesota and scored a career-high 18 points in her first game against Radford University. Despite an ankle injury that sidelined her for the last four games of the season, her impressive play off the bench earned her CAA All-Rookie Team honors.

Now as a sophomore, Colebank is the leading candidate to take over the helm of the JMU women's basketball

team at the point guard position this season.

"The point guard is the quarterback of the team," First-year coach Bud Childers said. "She has to be a leader on the court, a good ball handler and have the ability to analyze situations to make quick adjustments on the court."

The leadership role is nothing new for Colebank, who took over her Salem High School team in similar fashion at point guard when she was a sophomore. She led the team to the state championship and had a record-setting 10 assists to help her team to the 1994 group AAA state title.

She has taken the advice of Larry Bowman, her coach at Salem, who told her great players are made from March to November, not November to March — by making the most of the off-season. For Misty, this not only means conditioning but preparing mentally to improve her play.

"You have to learn the personnel, know where they

should be on the court and become familiar with what everyone can and can't do," Colebank said.

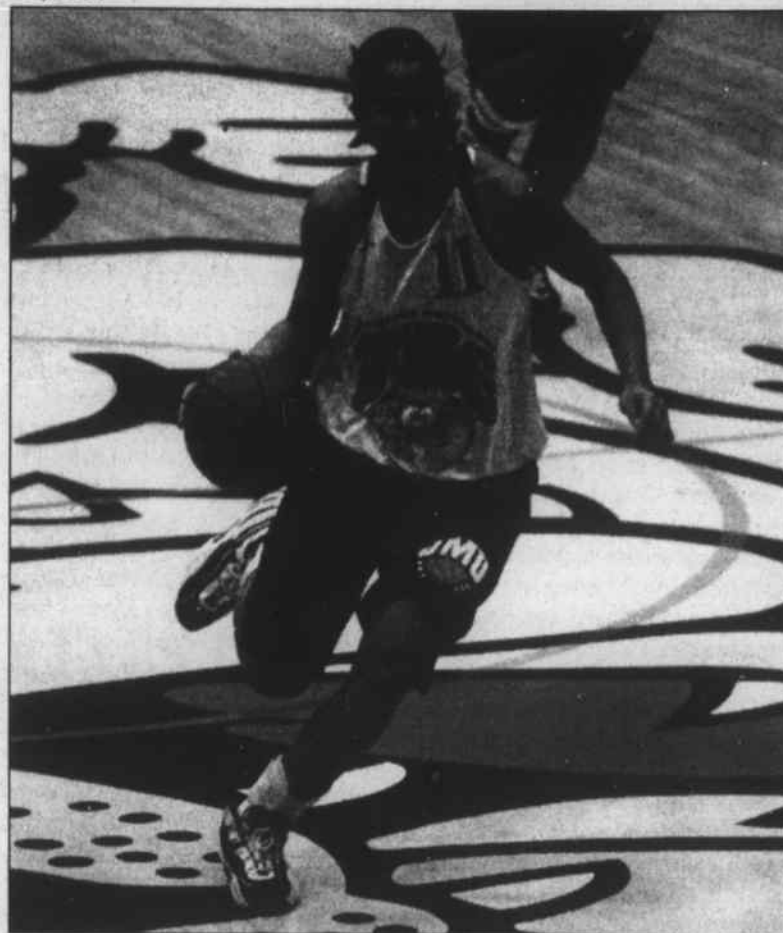
Her teammates respect her ability to control the offense along with her competitive spirit that inspires others to raise their level of play.

"As the point guard, Misty knows she's controlling the game. She plays to win and puts a lot pressure on herself to perform well," junior forward Manika Herring said.

Misty credits her athleticism to her father who challenged her to compete against her older brother, Leighton, at a young age.

Junior Kish Jordan said, "With a new coaching staff and no set positions, it's a good chance for a player like Misty who sees the court well at 5'10" and has a natural feel for the game to succeed."

Unity is key for the Dukes this year and Colebank feels road trips are key in bringing a team together. "I love to travel with the team on road trips,"



DYLAN BOUCHERLE/staff photographer

Misty Colebank pushes the ball across midcourt at practice last week. Colebank averaged 6.0 points per game last year.

she said. "They build friendships and make memories."

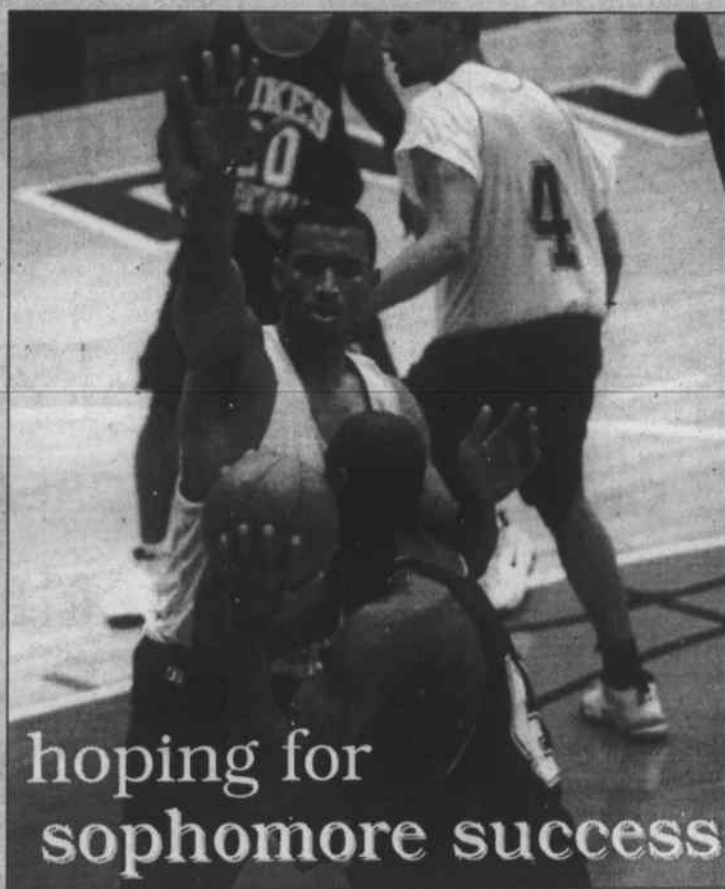
Misty wants to stick with basketball. Whether coaching or playing, she plans to pursue a career in sports.

For the Dukes, this season has indefinite possibilities. Ranked sixth in the CAA pre-

season rankings, JMU is a rising team that hoping to take advantage of opponents who underestimate their ability and desire.

Colebank hopes to add to the team this year while the Dukes start to put the pieces together.

Rob Strickland



hoping for sophomore success

story by Mike Kolakoski

photo by DYLAN BOUCHERLE/staff photographer

The seeds of experience take time to grow but in the same sense take nothing else. Sophomore center Rob Strickland can attest to the lessons of experience and knows there is no greater coach.

The JMU Dukes lack size and height. Aside from senior co-captain Lamont Boozer, JMU has relied on an almost all-guard rotation. Strickland, at 6'10" and 285 pounds, looks to fill his role with the Dukes as a large defensive presence, shot

blocker and scorer down on the blocks. "We look for Rob to be a force down low," first-year coach Sherman Dillard said. "A player with his size is going to be a factor in any game."

Strickland played high school ball with JMU teammate Jamar Perry at Pleasantville High School, located outside of Atlantic City, N.J. While playing for Pleasantville, Strickland scored 1,029 points, making him one of only four

players to do so in school history, and he led his team to state championships his junior and senior years.

JMU competed with Wake Forest University, the University of Houston and the University of Pittsburgh in recruiting Strickland. Strickland, rated among the top 100 recruits in the nation, turned down the other offers, choosing to play ball on the campus of James Madison University.

Even though Strickland played in 26 games last year, a lack of confidence plagued his freshman year. "I didn't really have the confidence last year like I did in high school," he said. "I was scared to make mistakes, so that held me back." Timid play and lack of confidence limited his playing time to 8.7 minutes per game.

Dillard said, "Off the court, Rob's personality is like a gentle bear. The only problem is that sometimes that natural personality can come out on the court. We're just working with him to play strong, and I think the experience of his freshman year will help all that."

Strickland spent most of the summer trying to regain the confidence that eluded him his freshman year, playing in a men's summer league with college and NBA players.

Among the talent he played against were players such as Tony Battie of the Denver Nuggets and Lou Rowe, the former UMass star.

The professional level of competition helped shape Strickland's game on many levels. "I played pretty well, and it made me stronger," Strickland said. "It made me play harder because those guys come out to play everyday."

As well as playing in the summer

league, Strickland worked out personally with Perry, Rowe and their high school trainer. "He worked with me a lot and took a lot of time with us," Strickland said. "Jamar, Lou [and I] would work with him every night this summer."

Success this year is simple for Strickland — not easy, but simple. "I want to win the CAA championship this year," he said. Along with winning the championship this year, Strickland also wants to establish himself as a player to be reckoned with in the CAA. "I'd like to make a name for myself and be a premier center in the league."

The growth from experience has affected Strickland off the court as much as it has on the court. "This year I've learned to use my time wisely. I didn't last year, and now I'm trying to hit the books," he said. Along with his progress on the court, Strickland has matured in the classroom.

Boozer and Strickland have worked together in a mutually beneficial relationship on the court. "Lamont and I battle everyday at practice," Strickland said. "Everyday both of us are limping off the court." Strickland's game has improved by playing with the older, more experienced Boozer. "It's been a good experience for me," Strickland said.

Like so many players, Strickland wishes to play in the NBA; however, entering his second year of collegiate basketball, he is one of the few who can still hold onto his dream and make it a reality.

With a step this year in the right direction, Strickland's difficult road to the NBA might still be clear, a path which will run through Richmond in March at the CAA Championships.

The Breeze

1997 BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The Breeze

Chasing ODU...

If there's such a thing as an athletic dynasty, then the Old Dominion University women's basketball program is certainly a fine example.

Just look at the numbers. The Monarchs have won the CAA title each of the last six seasons. Last season, the Monarchs dominated the Dukes and the rest of the CAA, defeating JMU once in the CAA tournament and twice in the regular season — including a 25-point drubbing in front of 6,500 fans at the Convocation Center.

Overall, the Monarchs finished with a 34-2 record. Only a 9-point loss to the University of Tennessee in the national title game prevented ODU from becoming NCAA champions last year.

Now, as the 1997-'98 women's basketball season begins, the Monarchs have picked up right where they left off. They are once again heavily favored to win the CAA championship. In addition, they are ranked third in the nation, behind only defending champion Tennessee and Louisiana Tech University.

"On paper, it doesn't seem like any other team in the league is of their caliber," said

first-year JMU head coach Bud Childers.

The Monarch's experience and talent clearly separates them from the rest of the CAA. They are returning three of last season's five starters and 10 of their 14 letter winners. The team revolves around the play of All-American guard Ticha Penicheiro, forward Mery Andrade and center Nyree Roberts, who averaged a total 39.2 points in 1996-'97.

"They have the three ingredients for a winning team — a good point guard, a wing player who can score and defend and a premier center," said Childers, who faced ODU while he was a coach at the University of Louisville.

All indications point to the Monarchs being the team to beat in the CAA once again. In fact, this year's ODU squad may turn out to be better than last season's.

"We are very comparable [to last season's team]," ODU assistant coach Cindy Fisher said. "The nucleus of the team is back. We are pretty strong right now, but we still have a long way to go. Our ultimate goal is always to get one game farther than last year, but we are going

story by Dan Sullivan



SCOTT TROBAUGH/senior artist

to take it one game at a time."

That's hardly good news for the Dukes, who have had trouble with the Monarchs in the past. In the JMU/ODU rivalry, which dates back to the two teams' first meeting in the 1969-'70 season, the Dukes are only 11-29 against the Monarchs. The Dukes have not beaten the Monarchs since February of 1995. Ironically, it was the Monarchs who had the last

laugh that year as they defeated the Dukes in the CAA championship game.

Childers said, "ODU is every team's rival in this league, until somebody beats them." While he admits ODU is probably a better team than the Dukes, Childers is not ruling out the possibility of JMU upsetting the defending champions. He stresses if the Dukes are disciplined, well prepared

and do a good job of controlling the ball — anything is possible.

The Dukes will meet the Monarchs twice this season, first on Jan. 16 at the Convocation Center and then at ODU on Jan. 30. A win in either of these two games would be pivotal for the Dukes.

As for the rest of the CAA, anything seems possible. With the exception of Old Dominion, no other team seems to hold a superior status.

"I feel that we have some great teams in the conference," Fisher said. "JMU and the others have really stepped it up. It should be really competitive."

Generally, the Dukes are picked to finish sixth in the conference. Childers believes this is a fair ranking considering the team has a new coach, many new faces and a new system. Ironically, last year at Louisville, Childers' Cardinals were also picked to finish sixth in the conference. They wound up in a three-way tie for the conference title and advanced to the NCAA tournament.

"It appears that we will be able to compete favorably," Childers said. "With the exception of Old Dominion, no one really stands out in my mind."

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When Bud Childers was named in April as the new head women's basketball coach, he knew he would bring his definitive coaching style with him to JMU. Luckily, he inherited a group of talented freshmen anxious to learn and eager to win.

Players like freshmen guards Kia Cole, Becky Wollenberg and Mandy White, center Stacey Todd and forward-center Angela Madeira are looking to make an impact



on the court in coming weeks. "I think this year's kind of unique," Childers said.

"Basically, we have a whole team of freshmen, but everybody on the team is a freshman to me. They're all learning my system and my style. It's really an adjustment for them."

Neither coach nor athlete feel the new freshman five is at a disadvantage, but rather, they choose to look at the possibilities this situation gives them.

"We have everybody on the team returning except for one. When we bring in a couple or three freshman next year, they'll have all these other people out there to show them what to do," Cole said.

Cole feels that being a freshman on the team is not a disadvantage.

"Where the juniors have only two years and seniors only one, as freshman we have all four years to learn [Childers'] game," Cole said.

White feels the freshmen's lack of experience might actually give the team an edge against opponents.

"Our advantage in this game might be that other teams haven't seen us play yet," White said. "They don't know our strengths and weaknesses."

Aside from learning the new system implemented by Childers, the athletes will also

be learning to play the triangle offense — the same offense implemented by the NBA's Chicago Bulls.

"It's probably the most difficult offense in the country to learn," Childers said. "So they're having to make that adjustment as well."

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story by Magda Salazar

Basketball practice itself is something that takes some getting used to. The team holds practice six days a week, and tossing the ball around is not the only part of the program. The team also works out with weights two-to-three times a week.

"What we have done in the

first five or six weeks of practice is evaluate each of those players' strengths and weaknesses, things they can improve on," Childers said.

Childers said he feels the freshmen don't fall into any one level of ability but describes them as being at different levels of development.

"The toughest thing for freshmen when they come in to college basketball, is getting used to the pace and the intensity of the workout," Childers said.

"White is a good shooter and had very good court awareness," he said. "Wollenberg is considered 'high-strung, emotional, a player who may throw one up in the crowd or she may hit five [three-pointers] in a row.'"

Childers said he believes Madeira has good instinct and was coached well but needs to gain strength in order to become a force to be dealt with.

Todd, an AAU program player out of Colorado, has a lot of natural shooting skill and good court instinct but needs to work on overall condition in order to improve her position on the court, according to Childers.

Childers considers Cole, who is playing the point guard position, as a player who sees

the court well and has good ball-handling skills.

While players can earn a list of accolades that appear beside their name, college basketball and college life takes some getting used to.



"I think it's one of the things you deal with as a freshman," Childers said.

So now that the five freshmen have reached the next level in basketball, their dreams continue to soar.

But for now, the newest Dukes, the freshman five, have a brand new system to learn — and, most likely, some homework to do.



Photos by Jean Phillipson

His father put a soft basketball toy in his crib before he could walk. When he was seven, he started playing on a little league team in his small hometown of Buckingham. Now, Dwayne Braxton is the only freshman recruit playing for the JMU men's basketball team.

From playing at a small school in rural Virginia to now playing at a Division I college program, the road Braxton has traveled is long. He has no regrets about coming to JMU.

"I saw it was a place close to home," he said. "I felt it was a good program I could fit into. It's a nice atmosphere with friendly people."

Remaining close to his home was important to Braxton. Judging by the support he receives from his family, it's hard to question his rationale. He said he often relies on his parents to help him through the transition from high school to college, and it's his father who is a true role model he says.

"He always leads me in the right direction," Braxton said of his father. "He always has a solution to my problems."

You can bet you'll see the Braxtons at most of Dwayne's games. They are even planning to go to Arizona to see their son play in the Fiesta Bowl Classic.

Braxton's recruitment began last spring under former men's basketball head coach Lefty Driesell, but he signed a contract under new head coach Sherman Dillard in April.

"First thing, I'm here to get my education," said Braxton, who is interested in the hospitality and tourism fields. "Basketball is a stepping stone for me. Hopefully I'll play in the NBA or overseas [after college]."

Although not quite at an experienced level, Braxton feels good about his performance so far, but he believes

the college level is much different than playing high school basketball.

"In high school it's not as intense," he said. "Here we have to go hard and continuously practice. More is expected of me."

DWAYNE BRAXTON AS THE FRESHMAN

story by Marcia Apperson
photo by Dylan Boucherle

Along with the higher expectations, there also seems to be somewhat of a mental barrier for incoming recruits. As high school students, recruits — like Braxton — were used to being on top. Entering college means returning to the bottom of the totem pole.

According to Braxton, that barrier is a source of some frustrations. Ask his coaches, however, and it seems Braxton is successfully making the transition.

"Dwayne has shown a real good attitude during practice and games," Dillard said. "He's a fine young man. He's somewhat quiet and reserved, like myself."

Call it quiet and reserved, or call it subtle confidence. Either way, those attributes can be traced to Braxton's high school days. Voted Most Athletic by his classmates, Braxton's high school career was full of achievements. He said he feels his greatest achieve-

ments were exceeding the 1,000-point mark with a total of 1,311 points and going to the 1996 state tournament in Smithfield. Braxton led the Buckingham Knights to the state quarter-finals for the first time in 21 years after the team placed second in their region.

Braxton attributes some of his success to a mental preparation.

"On the court, I think about doing whatever it takes to help my team win, whether playing hard-nosed defense or scoring when depended on," he said.

Dillard feels Braxton's strengths are his good shooting form and the threat he presents from the outside. "He's got the skills to play at this level," Dillard said.

As for playing time, Braxton will probably receive more than the coaches originally anticipated because some key players are injured. He will definitely figure into the rotation on the perimeter, according to Dillard.

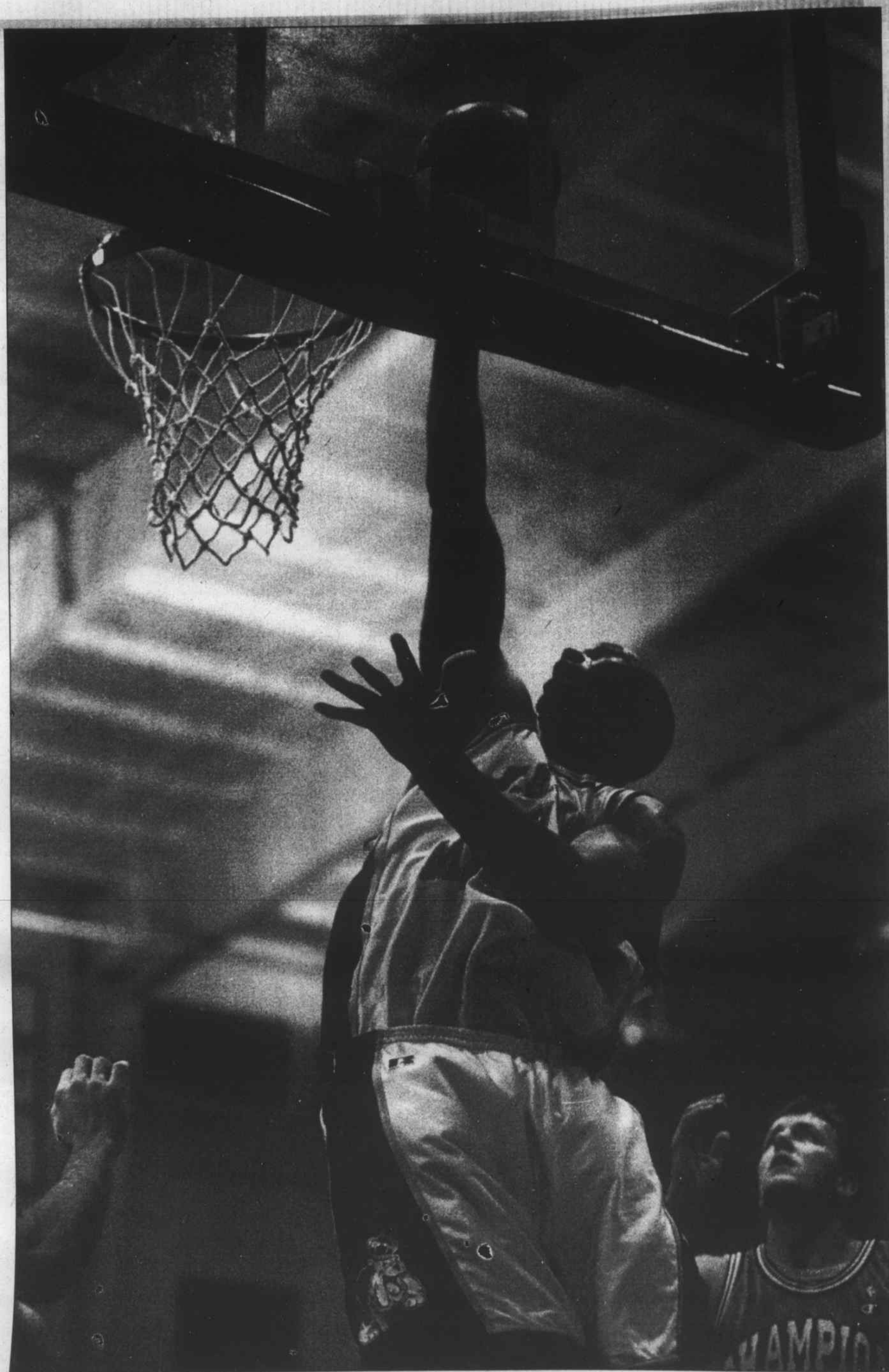
"Naturally, I would like to see Dwayne step up and become a significant contributor," Dillard said. "We need an outside shooting threat."

Dillard anticipates when Braxton is a senior "he will be a fine player in the NCAA" with a promising future.

With court performance aside, the most difficult aspect of college basketball is, perhaps, time management. A typical afternoon consists of practice, dinner, and then study hall from 8 to 9:30.

Ten years down the road, Braxton hopes he will still play basketball. With the Los Angeles Lakers as his favorite professional team, could Braxton be the next Eddie Jones?





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category as well.

"I do agree that many people that smoke pot are likely to try other drug, but just as likely are people that smoke or drink," Bohon says. "I think people that use alcohol are twice as likely [to try other drugs] 'cause they're more uninhibited and experimenting might seem like a fun thing at the time."

Bohon believes most drug abusers would have found their way to hard drugs whether or not they had ever

tried marijuana.

The reason Bohon sees the legalization of marijuana as a potentially positive action is because of the greater economic and environmental benefits from the use of hemp as a production material.

Hemp comes from *Cannabis sativa*, or in layman's terms, the marijuana plant, and contains only a minute amount of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive component in marijuana.

Hemp is actually one of nature's strongest and most versatile plants, according to the NORML Internet homepage (www.norml.org).

The Chinese discovered one of hemp's many uses almost 10,000 years ago when they began using it for rope and paper.

Since then, hemp has been used for textiles, paints, clothing, plastics, cosmetics, foodstuffs, insulation and animal feed.

Not only can hemp be used to create a vast number of products, the process of growing the hemp plant is environmentally sound.

After 120 days, a hemp plant is ready for harvest compared to the near decade it takes a tree to be ready. As well as the hemp plant's rapid production rate, after it has been harvested there is virtually no damage done to the soil. Hemp plants do not rob the soil of its nutrients but rather replenishes the nutrients and the ground is immediately ready for another crop to be planted.

"The benefits [of marijuana legalization] far outweigh the effects," Bohon says.

"I think most people think legalization is a bad idea because of all the negative government exposure it receives. Many people trust that the government wouldn't make something illegal if it wasn't a danger to society."

Bohon says she has never heard of a single death caused by marijuana "and you'd think with all the hype over the War on Drugs the government would use that sort of thing."

Part of the War on Drugs has been drug education in the schools. Harrisonburg's elementary schools were among the first in the nation to implement the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Harrisonburg/Rockingham Sheriff Don Farley led the DARE program from 1985 to 1987, while he was still a Harrisonburg Police officer. "Officer Don," as the students knew him, spent much of his time in the elementary schools educating the children on the dangers of drug abuse.

Although a 1995 survey concluded that drug abuse in children and young adults has gone up, even with the DARE program in affect, Farley believes the program did have a positive effect on some student's lives.

"I don't have the statistics to back it up, but I did see good things come out of the DARE program," Farley says, "especially on the emotional and spiritual side." Although Farley believes alcohol is the number one drug problem in the United States, he does see marijuana as a problem, and does not advocate its legalization for adult recreational use.

"Every time someone poses the legalization of marijuana, even if they have some well-thought out points as to why it should be legalized, I have to question the logistics of it. Are they going to sell it in the ABC store?" he asks. "Will it be handed over to the government? What about taxes and who will do the quality observation? I've just

crock pot: cooking with Mary Jane

Pro-legalization activists champion hemp as a versatile plant with many practical applications, but seldom do they discuss the alleged delicacies in which pot is a crucial ingredient.

Pot Loaf

•Combine one packet of onion soup mix, one 16 oz. can of whole peeled tomatoes, 1/2 cup of chopped pot, 2 lbs. of ground beef, chicken or turkey, one egg, and four slices of clumbled bread. Shape into a loaf. Bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour. Serves six.

Pot Soup

•Mix one can of condensed beef broth, 3 tbsp. of pot, 3 tbsp. of lemon juice, 1/2 can of water and 3 tbsp. of chopped watercress in a saucepan. Boil over medium heat. Refrigerate for two to three hours. Reheat and serve.

Hash Brownies

•Sift 1/2 cup of flour, 1/4 tsp. of baking powder and a pinch of salt together. Mix in 3 tbsp. of shortening, 1/2 cup of sugar, 2 tbsp. of honey, 2 tbsp. of corn syrup and one beaten egg. Then add one square of melted chocolate, 1 tsp. of vanilla, 1/2 cup of chopped nuts and 1/2 cup of pot and mix well. Spread in an 8-inch pan, then bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

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never heard a good answer to these questions."

Even though the legalization movement may have some questions to answer in the eyes of the law, many still hope the positive aspects of marijuana will open doors to legalization that are otherwise closed. As Bohon says, "If people could associate pot with something other than a drug that gets their kids high, I think it would be looked on more favorably."

One of the uses supporters are hoping the public will look upon favorably is the medicinal use of marijuana to treat seriously ill patients.

Smoking marijuana is said to relieve the symptoms caused by AIDS wasting syndrome, nausea and vomiting caused by cancer chemotherapy, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis muscle spasms and epilepsy, to name a few.

Although Sherrif Farley does not endorse recreational legalization of marijuana, he does believe medicinal use can be beneficial.

"I've been on cancer wards and have seen children and adults in terrible pain," Farley says. "I don't see why it shouldn't be used medicinally. God put it on this earth to be used properly."

The goals of groups such as a MPP are to "eliminate the penalties for possession and cultivation of medicinal marijuana" and to fund "state therapeutic research programs," according to the MPP homepage.

Virginia currently has a 19 year-old statute that allows patients to possess marijuana if they have a valid prescription from a physician for cancer and glaucoma symptoms.

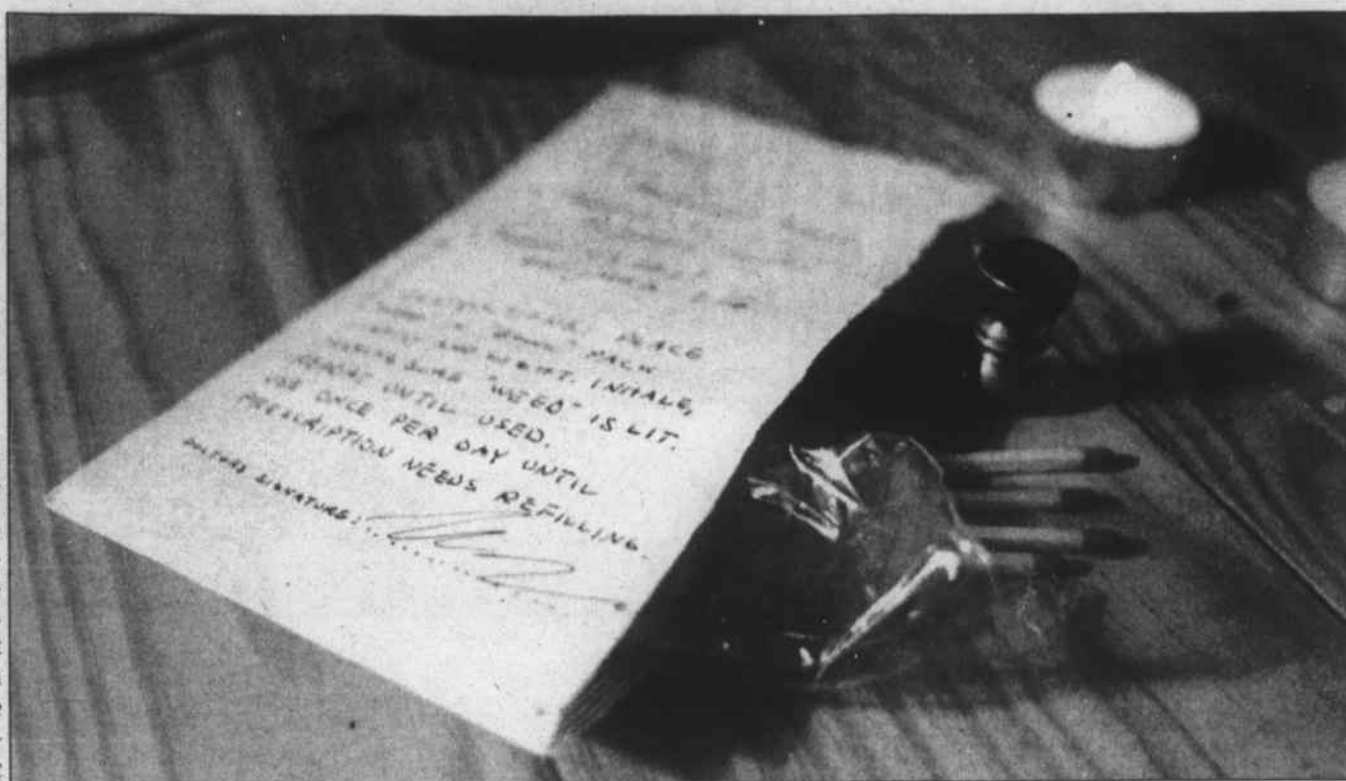
However, the catch 22 of this law is that there is no legal supply of marijuana to fill any prescriptions, and those caught possessing or cultivating marijuana for medicinal use will be prosecuted as any other individual.

Virginia is one of the few states that has this policy of legal marijuana prescriptions, although states such as New Jersey, New York, West Virginia and South Carolina have passed laws allowing therapeutic marijuana research to be conducted.

The MPP and NORML see these as encouraging signs that perhaps one day, suffering patients will be able to legally turn to marijuana as a natural relief.

Until that time, the use of a synthetic THC pill, called dronabinol and marketed as Marinol, will serve as an acceptable medical substitution for marijuana, although medical professionals say that it, too, is potentially addictive.

Patients who have used both Marinol and marijuana prefer the latter, saying



ED DYER/assistant photo editor

The legalization of marijuana for medicinal use is currently at the center of the legalization debate. Virginia statutes protect the right to take for cancer and glaucoma patients with a valid prescription.

they would rather be able to control their own dosage, as well as use an organic treatment rather than a synthetic one.

Activists for the legalization of marijuana continue to petition Congress and other facets of the government to consider marijuana's legal place in society.

The public attention this issue has received ranges from President Clinton's inhaling inclinations in his hippie days to Candace Bergen's character on the sitcom

"Murphy Brown" smoking marijuana her news-anchor friend bought her for her chemotherapy symptoms.

Whether or not marijuana should be legalized is not something that will be resolved overnight, but those with opinions on the issue intend to be heard.

"Any substance is going to have problems," Bohon says. "You can get addicted to chocolate cake if you wanted to, but that doesn't mean it's bad."

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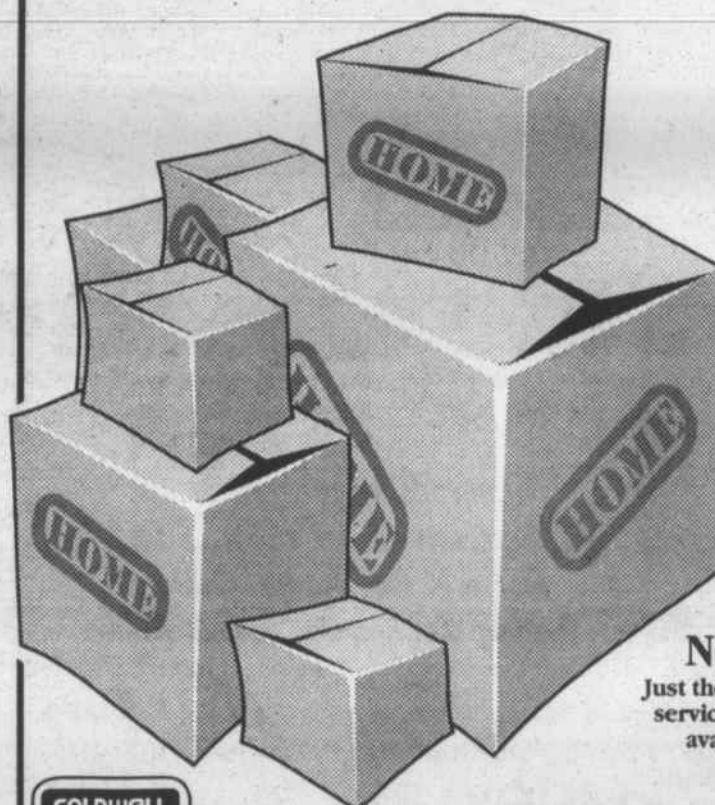
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JMU wins '97 opener 57-51 over Delaware

by Keith Feigenbaum
staff writer

From the opening tip of last night's season opener between JMU's women's basketball team and the Delaware Fighting Blue Hens, one thing was made clear: neither team was treating the game as just an early season, non-conference game. In cruising to a 56-51 victory, this proved especially true for the Dukes, who seemed intent upon righting themselves after a shaky preseason.

JMU	56
Delaware	51

"I think tonight's game was important from an emotional standpoint," said first-year head coach Bud Childers. "We got after [JMU's players] pretty good Saturday and Sunday after the exhibition loss [to Croatia] and I think they responded wonderfully."

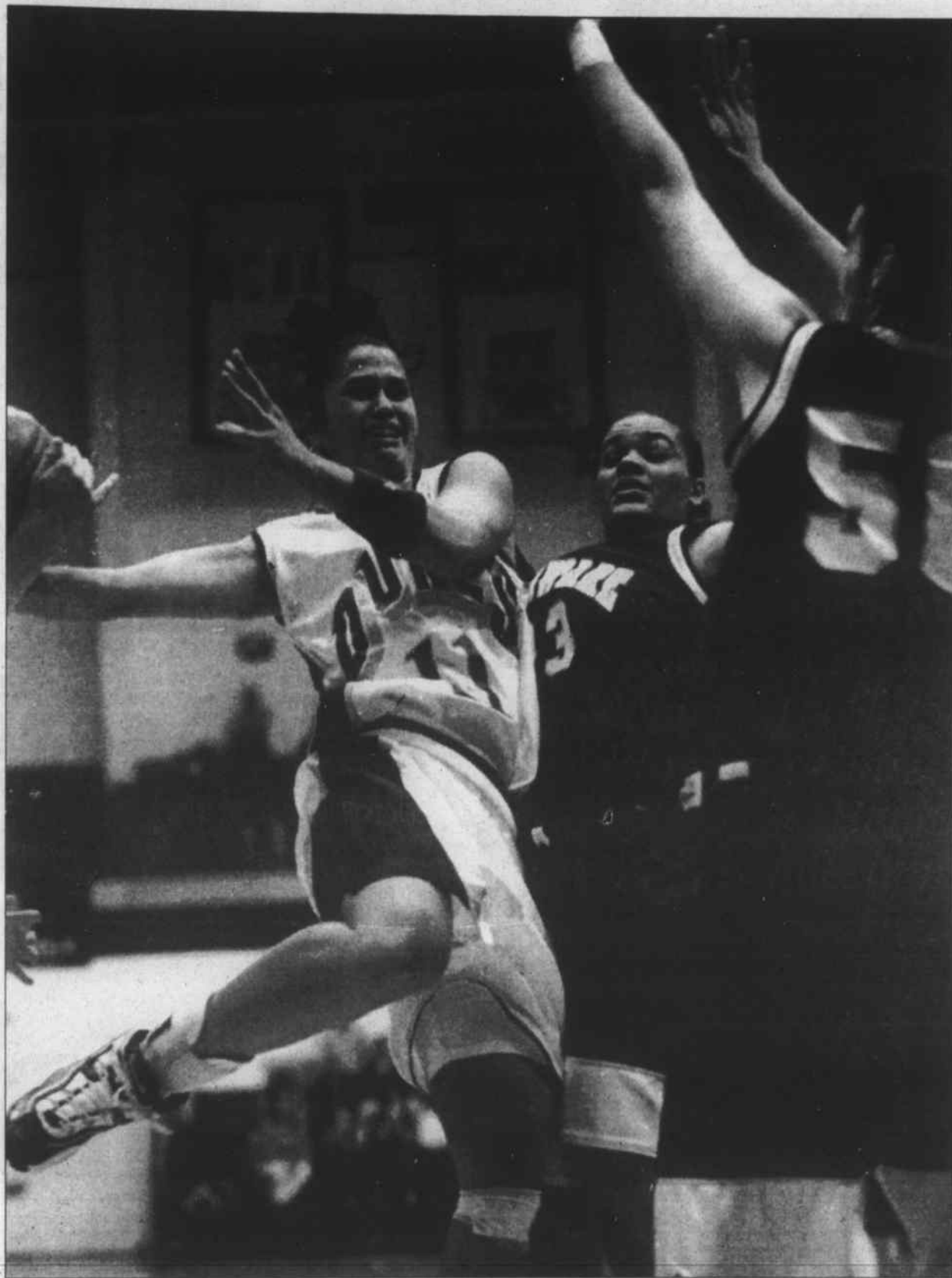
The two team's main objective was obvious early on — allow the defense to set the tone for the game. And, for the most part, both the 1-0 Dukes and the Blue Hens were successful in doing so, as neither team could establish much consistency in their half-court sets. A total of 28 turnovers (17 for Delaware and 11 for JMU) were forced in the half, as each team kept constant pressure on the ball.

"We hunkered down when we had to . . . and made some defensive plays," Childers said. "We battled inside, scrapped and got a couple of loose balls."

Manika Herring said, "Defense was a big key. I think that's what we lacked in our first two scrimmages. We watched a lot of tape and saw that defense [a lack of] was a big factor."

Luckily for JMU, Delaware's larger and slower lineup couldn't keep pace with the running-and-gunning Dukes, who started a pair of point guards in freshman Kia Cole (10 points on four-of-eight shooting) and sophomore Mistiza Colebank. The Dukes began the game on a 6-0 run, creating scoring opportunities with their strong guard play.

"[Cole's] doing everything we can ask her to do as a point



DYLAN BOUCHERLE/staff photographer

Sophomore guard Mistiza Colebank goes strong to the hoop in last night's 56-51 victory over the University of Delaware. The Dukes travel to Nashville, Tenn., Sunday to take on Vanderbilt University.

guard," Childers said. "She started her first game as a college player tonight and ran the show."

From there, the two teams played it tight, with Delaware claiming its first and only lead, 10-8, at 13:16 on a jumper by guard Cindy Johnson.

Following a series of back-and-forth scoring, the Dukes took the lead for good at the 8:23 mark on a layup by Colebank. Energized by the play off the bench of freshman Mandy White (nine points), the Dukes then went on 14-6 run to distance themselves from the Blue Hens.

White slashed her way through the Delaware defense on a number of occasions, dishing to teammates under the basket and opening-up outside shots for Cole, including a three point shot to put the Dukes up, 28-17, with

2:14 left in the half.

"[White] did her job tonight. She stepped-up and hit some jump shots against the zone when we needed it," Childers said.

JMU began the second half in equally impressive fashion, building its largest lead of the game, 41-22, on a Cole layup at 14:59.

The Blue Hens then began to slowly chip away at the Dukes' lead, narrowing the gap to a reachable 55-49 with only 59 seconds to play, but Cole made the second of two foul shots to put the Dukes up seven, virtually ending Delaware's hopes of a comeback.

Although both teams compiled similar statistics (the Dukes had 38 rebounds and 23 turnovers to the Blue Hens' 40 and 25, respectively), but in the

end there was one deciding factor: perseverance. JMU had it and Delaware didn't. Heading into its next game (Sunday at 2 p.m.) at 10th-ranked Vanderbilt University, such perseverance will be greatly welcomed by JMU.

No doubt, the Dukes will have to improve an offense which continues to sputter at times if they hope to compete with the likes of Vanderbilt and conference opponent Old Dominion University, last year's national runner-up.

Sunday's game against Vanderbilt will feature a Commodore squad returning four of its starters. The Commodores, 20-11 in 1996-'97, will ride the shoulders of senior forwards N. Hillmon and Lisa Ostrom who, together, average a more than 13 points per game.

Foster in NCAAAs

by Kathleen Reuschle
contributing writer

For the second straight season JMU senior Ryan Foster has earned the chance to compete in the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships.

Foster is only the third individual in the history of JMU to qualify for the national event. He is also only the second Duke to qualify for the race twice.

Foster earned the right to participate in the meet by finishing fourth at the NCAA Southeast Regional on Saturday. He ran the 10,000-meter race in a time of 30:29.

As a team, the Dukes finished fourth out of the 29 teams in the regional event. It was JMU's highest finish ever at the regional race.

Last year, Ryan finished fifth at the regional meet but was unable to compete at nationals due to a leg injury.

This year's meet is Monday in Greenville, S.C., on the same Furman University golf course the team raced on last weekend.

"Ryan had the best race of the season at regionals, and is definitely prepared to run extremely well at nationals," coach Juli Henner said.

JMU angry over lack of at-large bid

The personnel who look at the NCAA criteria for issuing at-large bids to the Cross Country National Championships will be shaking their heads at the decision to issue a bid to the University of Minnesota to advance to Nationals over JMU.

Here's why: JMU has defeated both the University of Nebraska and the University of Missouri during its season, while Minnesota lost to them at the regionals.

JMU has beaten Coastal Carolina, and the College of William & Mary, while Minnesota also lost to both of them. The committee cites head-to-head finishes between debated teams as part of the deciding factor, yet JMU has never raced Minnesota.

Finally, the committee supposedly takes into account significant finishes among team members. Bethany Eigel placed second while Minnesota's top finisher placed ninth. Point for point, one thing remains clear: JMU has earned the right to be at Nationals.



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Bethany Eigel: The beat goes on . . .

by Mike Gesario
staff writer

For JMU junior cross country star Bethany Eigel, there is no letting up.

Last season, Eigel became the first JMU women's runner to qualify for the NCAA meet since the Dukes began competing in Division I in 1982. Yet she refused to rest on her laurels and came back this season in even better condition.

Now, for the second straight season, Eigel has qualified for the NCAAs, which will be held on Monday in Greenville, S.C. Eigel is a little disappointed, though, because the Dukes as a team failed to qualify for the meet as an at-large entry.

"The newness is sort of worn off, but it's not any less exciting," said Eigel, the 1996 CAA Co-Runner of the Year. "We had the higher goal of being a team there. That takes away from [my qualifying] a little bit."

Eigel qualified for the national meet by placing second in Saturday's NCAA Southeast Regional Cross Country Championship. Her second-place finish was the highest individual finish for a JMU woman ever at the NCAA regionals. Her time of 17:18 was the second fastest time ever for a JMU runner in a 5,000-meter cross country race. It was eight seconds off her own JMU record and only seven seconds behind the time of North Carolina States' Laura Rhoads, who won the Regional Championship.

"I definitely put in a lot more than normal," Eigel said of what she believes may have been the best race she has ever run.

So far, Eigel's season has been nothing short of spectacular. She has been the runner-up in two meets, including the CAA Championships, where she finished with a time of 17:21.

"I think she's done awesome," sophomore teammate Heather Hanscom said. "She's worked really hard and has come a long way."

Despite her past successes, Eigel is still striving for more.

"I am still not quite satisfied," she said. "I don't feel like I have been competing as well as I could towards the end."

Eigel is optimistic, though, as all of her training and practicing is aimed towards the NCAAs. She feels the practice is starting to pay off and she will be able to race even better.

This kind of attitude is normal for Eigel. The way she pushes herself to do better has earned her the respect of both her coaches and teammates.

"She has definitely done everything right to get to this level," JMU cross country coach Juli Henner said. "She is just

100 percent committed to the sport. She does whatever it takes to be successful."

But, again, Eigel refuses to take too much credit for her work habits. She says her work ethic is part of the tradition of hard work she became part of when she decided to come to JMU.

As a freshman, she watched a teammate, who was a less-than-outstanding runner in a small high school similar to Eigel's, take her game to an All-American level.

"Seeing her make it to that level made me realize that if I could work as hard as she, then that could possibly come true. I really wanted that to come true," Eigel said.

Eigel has used her story to inspire her teammates to work harder. For her, it's all part of leading by example.

"I think I've passed on some of that to my other team mates," Eigel said. "It kind of caught on this year."

"A lot of [my teammates] came back in better shape than they had been because they saw last year that I made it to [the '96 National meet], and I'm

not any better than they are," she said.

In addition to her own personal drive and work ethic, Eigel credits her teammates and coaches for contributing to her success.

Eigel believes the JMU coaching staff is among the best in the country.

"It's amazing," she said. "I can't really even describe the kind of support that we have. Our coaches are definitely the best in the country, without a doubt in my mind. They don't get the recognition they deserve."

Eigel also says the cross country team is really more like a family. It is a family made of equal members who all support and push each other.

"Having the coaches that I have and the teams that I have puts me in a lucky position," Eigel said. "Everyday, I'm so glad I came to James Madison. I don't know what would have happened if I had ended up under another coach's directions or with other teammates."

Eigel, of course, wants to do well, but she knows the competition certainly won't be easy.

"I would like to make All-American, if possible," Eigel said. "But, it's kind of hard to have specific goals because everyone there has the potential of being an All-American. They are that good."

"I definitely want to put myself in a good position early and then hopefully just be able to move up [in the standings] the whole race," she said.

The NCAA meet is scheduled for Monday in Greenville, S.C. Last season Eigel finished 46th at the meet.



This week in Football...



JMU Dukes vs. Boston University
Game: Boston University Terriers at JMU
Nov. 22, 1 p.m.

Dukes Notes:

HONOR ROLL: JMU junior free safety Tony Booth was named the Atlantic-10 Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season. The recognition makes Booth a front-runner for the A-10 Defensive Player of the Year Award. Booth led the Dukes in tackles for the fifth time in nine games tallying 18 tackles, six of them solo. Booth provided a spark in the arm with his 37-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter. The pick was Booth's seven of the year, tying a school record.

MORE HONOR ROLL: Freshman tailback Anthony Moore was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week with his 137 yards on 34 carries in the Dukes triple overtime win. Moore's 34 carries was the most ever by a true freshman in JMU history and the third most by anyone. Moore was just the second Dukes rusher to amass over 100 yards this season.

PAYTON'S PLACE: Freshman wide receiver Earnest Payton caught three passes for 105 yards and one touchdown against Rhode Island.

HISTORY IN THE ENDING: Saturday's game will mark the last football game in the history of Boston University. The Terriers are discontinuing their football program after the JMU game because of loss of revenue. BU has won one game this season. The Terriers are playing with about half a roster since many of their players are sitting out to avoid injury and hurt their chances of transferring.

INJURY REPORT: Red-shirt freshman Delvin Joyce is listed as day-to-day with an injured ankle, as is cornerback Jason Bailey.

SCOUTING REPORT: Boston University has won one game this season, so on paper it appears the Dukes should romp. However, this will be the last game in BU history, and you can bet your Duke Dawg sweatshirt that the Terriers do not want to end 113 years of college football as losers. That's right, the Terriers first football game was in 1884, when they lost to Tufts University 18-6. This year's squad has done their fair share of losing, but it will be a pumped-up bunch of Terriers who face the Dukes Saturday. BU is weak in many areas, but they have a strong running game led by Roger Harriott, who is averaging 116 yards per game and 5.1 yards per carry. Dan Hanafin took all the snaps in the Terriers 38-0 loss last weekend, but he was less than perfect, going 9-26. If JMU can ride out the Terriers emotion, and QB Greg Maddox returns to form, the Dukes can finish go out on a high.

ATLANTIC 10 FOOTBALL

Standings

New England Division

	A-10	Overall	PF	PA
Connecticut	4-3	7-3-0	380	225
New Hampshire	4-3	4-6-0	212	208
Maine	4-4	5-5-0	316	231
Rhode Island	2-6	2-9-0	216	318
Boston U.	1-7	1-9-0	148	322
Massachusetts	1-7	2-9-0	149	367

Mid-Atlantic Division

	A-10	Overall	PF	PA
Villanova	7-0	10-0-0	393	188
Delaware	7-1	10-1-0	355	174
Northeastern	5-2	8-2-0	285	194
Richmond	4-4	6-5-0	237	183
William & Mary	4-4	7-4-0	254	203
James Madison	3-5	4-6-0	221	323

Last week's results

James Madison 39, Rhode Island 37 (OT)
New Hampshire 38, Boston U. 0
Connecticut 49, Massachusetts 16
Delaware 24, Lehigh 19
Northeastern 23, Maine 17
William & Mary 10, Richmond 7
Villanova 42, Buffalo 28

Atlantic 10 Individual Statistics

Passing

	G	C-A	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Rtg.
Boden, VU	10	203-303	67.6	2697	32	4	174.0
Stafford, UConn	10	154-267	57.7	2574	22	9	159.1
Ginn, UD	10	97-178	54.5	1622	14	3	153.6
Cramsey, UNH	8	29-51	56.9	413	3	1	140.4
Fein, UM	9	208-360	57.8	2480	24	11	131.5
Murphy, NU	10	198-333	59.5	2441	15	9	130.5

Rushing

	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Azumah, UNH	10	238	1400	5.9	11	140.0
Porch, W&M	11	261	1316	5.0	6	119.6
Harriott, BU	10	227	1165	5.1	6	116.5
Jenkins, URI	11	256	1032	4.0	6	93.8
Jumpp, UConn	9	155	815	5.3	9	90.6
Sifford, VU	9	160	769	4.8	9	85.4

Receiving


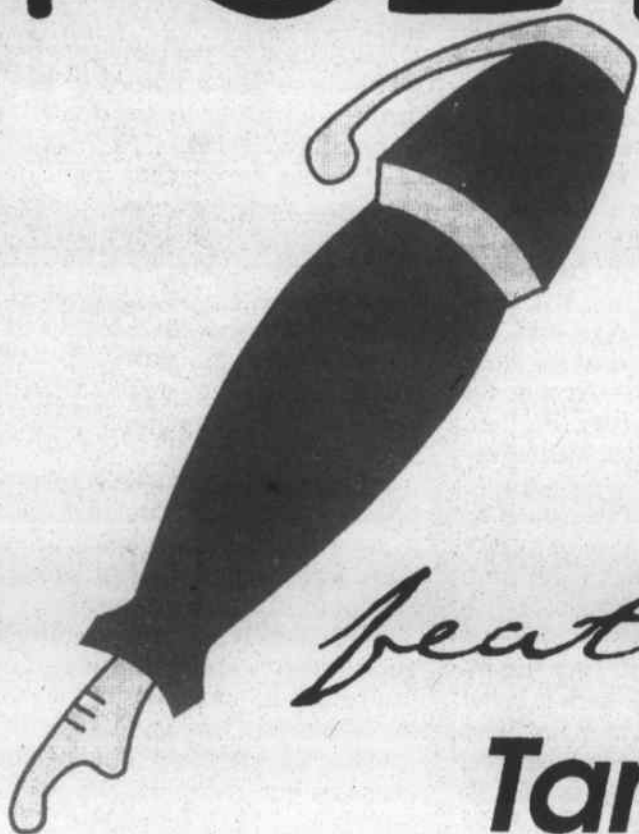
	G	Rept.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Wright, UM	10	82	1070	13.0	7	107.0
Bond, UConn	10	45	1003	22.3	5	100.3
Finneran, VU	10	61	985	16.1	17	98.5
Conklin, W&M	9	43	768	17.9	6	85.3
Batts, UD	11	45	872	19.4	9	79.3
Taylor, UConn	10	46	789	17.2	9	75.9

This week's schedule

Boston University at James Madison
New Hampshire at Connecticut
Maine at Hofstra

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Minnesota at NY Jets	NY Jets	Minnesota	NY Jets	Minnesota	Minnesota
Kansas City at Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Kansas City	Kansas City	Seattle

COLLEGE

Monday Night: Oakland at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Ohio State at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Ohio State
Florida State at Florida	Florida State	Florida State	Florida	Florida State	Florida State
West Virginia at Notre Dame	West Virginia	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	West Virginia
UCLA at Southern Cal	UCLA	UCLA	Southern Cal	UCLA	UCLA
Clemson at S. Carolina	Clemson	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Clemson	Clemson

Once again, Seth rides out a rough week of POTW. It was, by far, the worst performance by the POTW participants since the season began, yet he still found a way to hold on to first place. Otherwise, the standings didn't change.

However, for the first time this year, the guest predictor won outright. You ask yourself, how did Jason Meade go 7-4? Well, the answer is two-fold.

First, he cheated.

Secondly, he paid off quite a few key participants in last week's games. Norv Turner, for instance. Third and seven and the Skins run? Thanks, Jason. Pete Stoyanovich was another whose pockets are a little heavier this week thanks to

Jason. Old Petey blasts a 50-something yarder to win, and you expect me to believe he didn't have any extra incentive? Thanks, Jason. But enough.

The Skins will beat the Giants, but Seth is in danger of losing his precarious hold on the top spot. If Courtney can out-pick the "Guru of College Football" she could move up in the rankings. Now that would be a shocker.

Heard from the rumor mill that BU film sessions include screenings of "Necessary Roughness" in preparation for this week's game. Just a joke.

It's coming down to the wire for POTW. Who will survive? There's a lot at stake, but Seth is just too good. How does he know? It must be the shoes.

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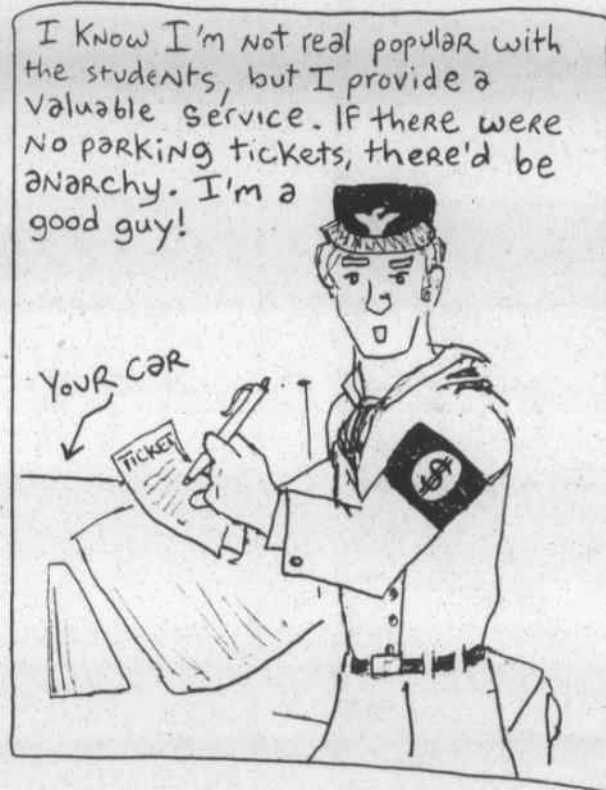
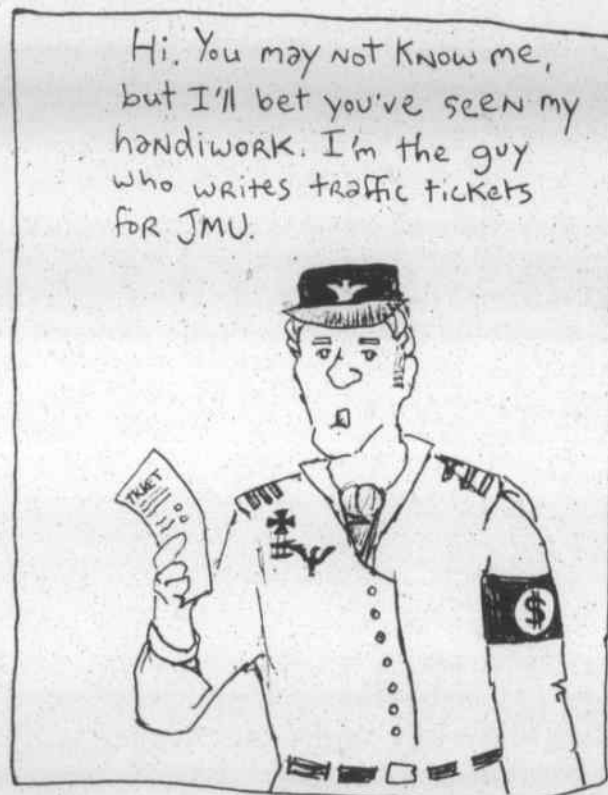
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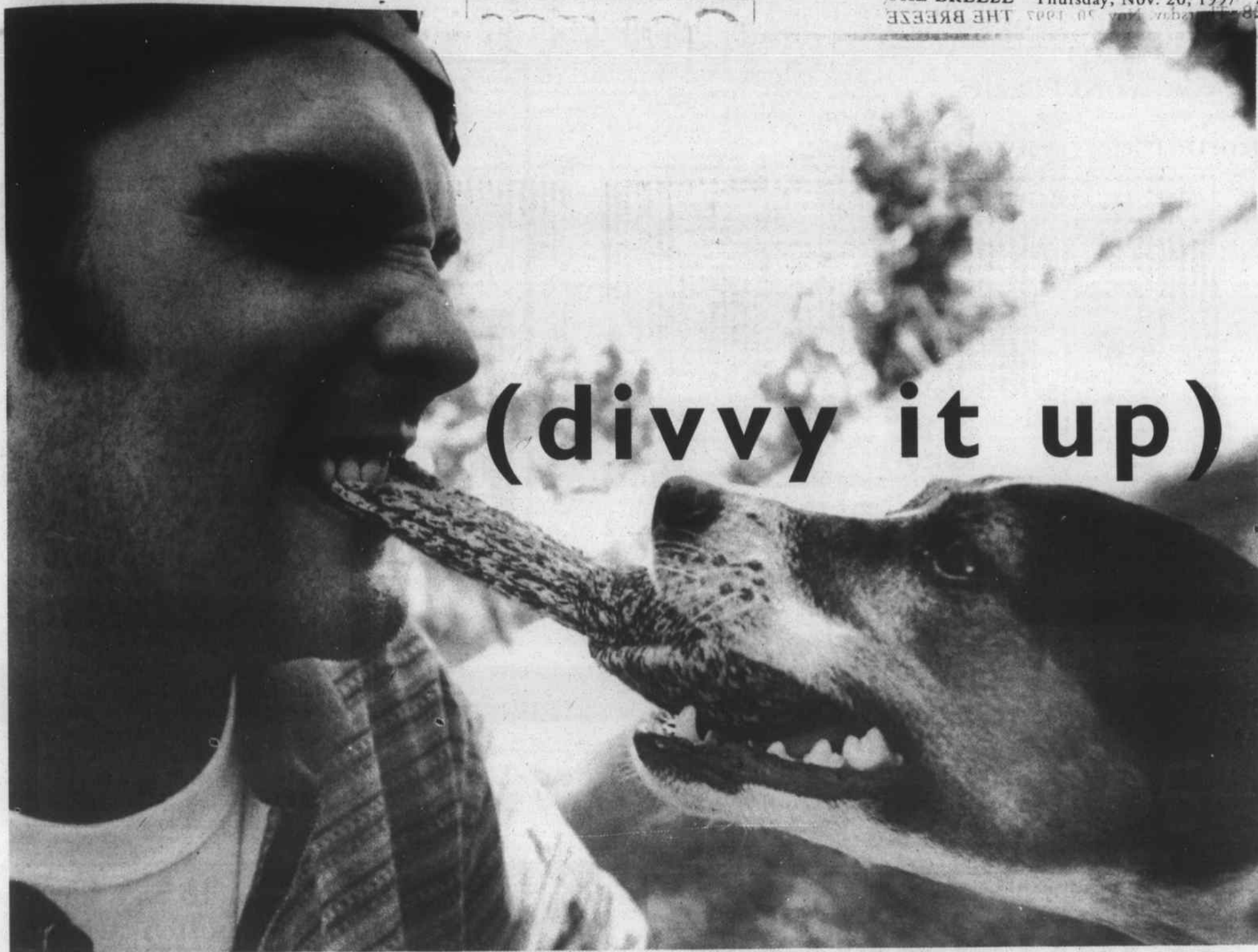


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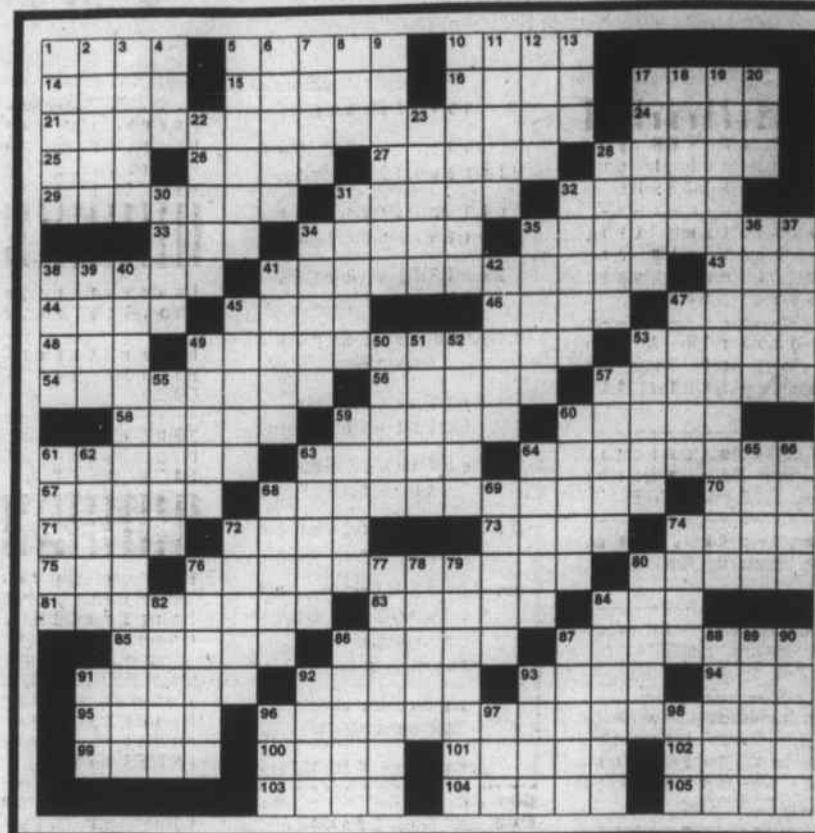
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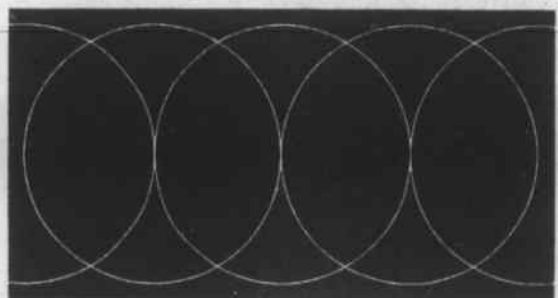
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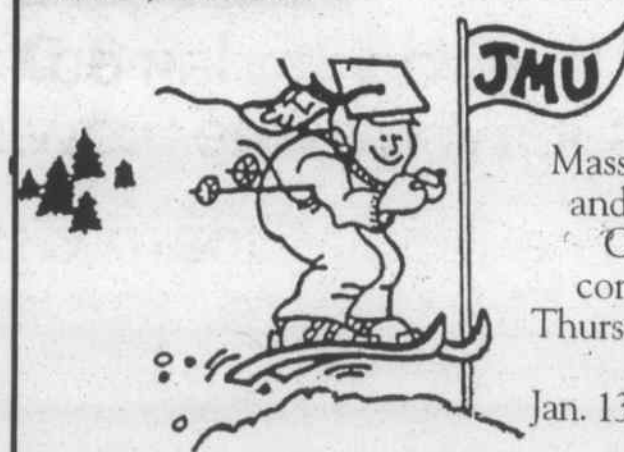
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Two RMs for sublease - Starting mid-December. 4BR/4 baths at Southview. \$259/mo. furnished, water/sewage, private baths, included. Ann or Tara, 574-2608.

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One BR available - Commons. Great location, fully furnished. Call Gina, 574-3405.

Spring sublease in The Commons starting January. Call Sean, 574-3718.

Room for rent - Spring '98. Only \$225/mo. Jennifer, 433-8952.

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Earn up to \$500/wk assembling products at home. No experience. Info. (504)646-1700 Dept. VA-4806.

Holiday help wanted - Fairfax, VA. Hickory Hams is hiring full-time temporary positions to begin Nov. 20-Dec. 24, counter sales & food preparation available, \$6.50/hr. Call (703)818-7445, 13898 Metro Tech Dr., Chantilly, VA 20151.

Nationally-recognized public opinion polling research firm is now hiring polite, reliable people to conduct scientific telephone interviews (no sales). Flexible, part-time evening shifts Monday-Friday with a day shift on Saturday. \$5.50/hr. to start. Apply in person to Responsive Management, 130 Franklin St., Monday-Friday. No telephone calls please.

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Earn \$500 or more weekly stuffing envelopes at home. Send long SASE to Country Living Shoppers, Dept. M18, 251 N. Dupont Hwy, Suite 117, Dover, DE 19901.

Need extra cash for the holiday season? If you're from the Richmond area, why not temp over Christmas break? Register with Interim Personnel, Richmond's leading staffing service. West End, call (804)353-5300; East End, call (804)222-8500. EOE/MF

Gymnastics instructors wanted - Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation is looking for instructors for its Jan-May sessions. Classes meet Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays. Contact Recreation Dept. at 433-9168 for info.

Planist, string quartet, harpist &/or accordion wanted for a hospitality French theme dinner in February. Please call Shana, 433-5193 or e-mail, oneilcm.

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Great American Smokeout ends today! Stop by the commons & Godwin for free stuff & the Health Fair!

A big thank you to the HTH 458 class & the JMU Health Center for all their hard work during the Great American Smokeout. - The steering committee

Spring Break trips! Cancun, Florida, South Padre. Prices increase mid-December. Call now for more info. Julie, 574-0546.

XI's - It is great to see you in letters! Congrats on initiation! Love, AXΩ.

KA - Thanks for the great Hollywood mixer! Love, AXΩ.

Janine - Good luck in Spain. If your heart finds another, always remember me. Rees

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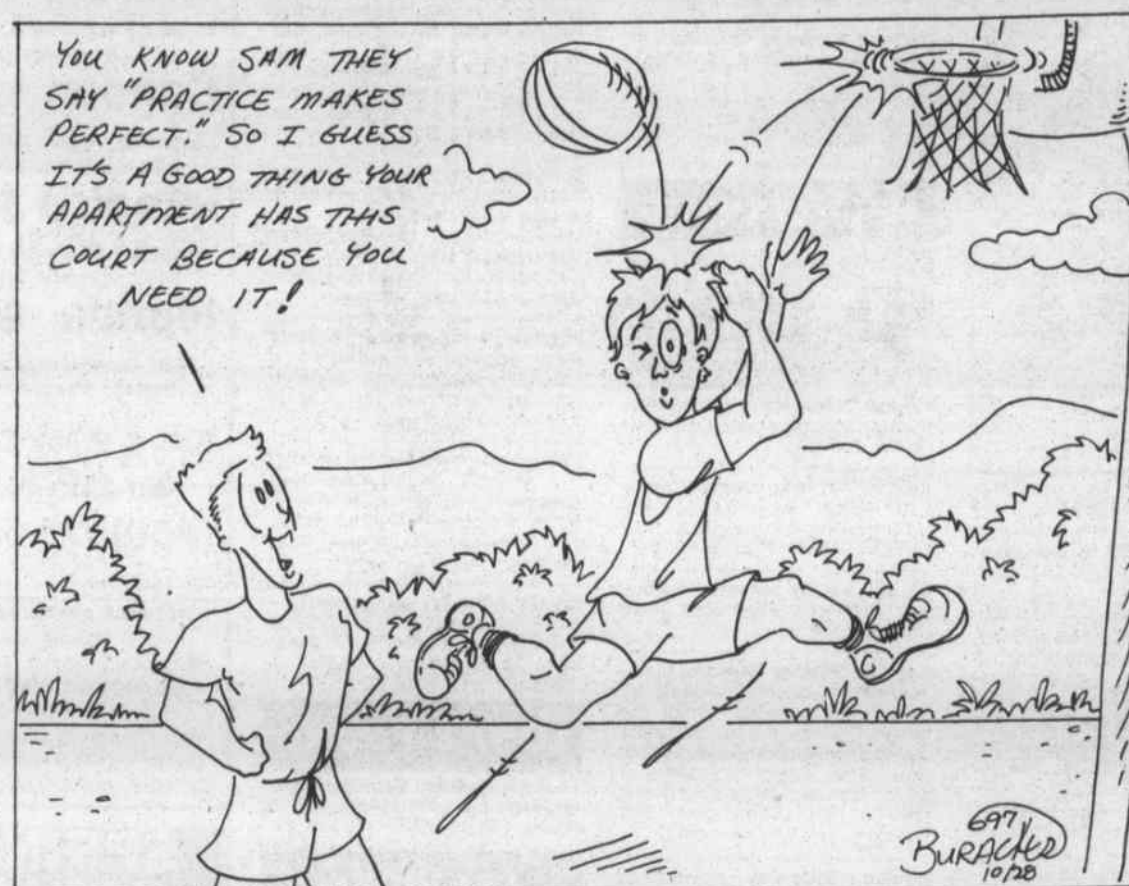
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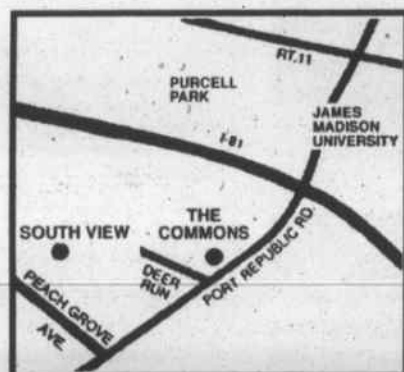
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